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The annual Southern Baptist Convention is set for June 16-18 at the Cervantes Convention Center in downtown St. Louis, Mo. Convention activities include votes on the president of the convention, budgetary matters, consideration of a motion by a study committee to continue funding the Baptist Joint Committee under altered conditions, and a final report of the SBC Peace Committee, which was brought into existence to attempt to end the state of seige under which the SBC has operated for the past several years. Clustered around this business and inspirational meeting where all SBC agencies make their reports, are a number of peripheral meetings. These include the Pastors' Conference, Woman's Misisonary Union Annual Meeting, SBC Forum, and meetings of virtually every other conceivable type of denominational service, from directors of missions, to campus ministers, to church musicians, to researchers.

## "Shall we gather at the river?"

Excursion riverboats offer visitors to St. Louis trips up and down the Mississippi River. The Gateway to the West will host the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting June 16-18. (BP) photo courtesy St. Louis Convention and Visitors Commission.

## Hooked wall hanging given for BWA

WASHINGTON, D.C. (BWA) — A traditionally-hooked wall hanging created by Mary Sheppard Burton of Maryland (U.S.A.) was dedicated at the Baptist World Alliance offices during the BWA's recent open house. The new BWA logo was introduced during the same ceremony.

Mrs. Burton, the leading teacher and author among America's rug-hooking artists, designed the wall hanging from a rubbing of an old Bible box, which she and her husband, Charles, also donated to the international headquarters along with the Dutch Bible printed in 1718 it contained. Mr. Burton is legal counsel to the Alliance.

The design on the Bible box, which was created by a mastercarver in the late 17th century, was inspired by Ezekiel 1:16, where the prophet saw "a wheel in a wheel in a wheel." Mrs. Burton replicated this theme with a traditional hooking technique using woven wool flannel which she hand dyed. It took her approximately eight hours to complete each 6 square inches of work. The piece measures 1,935 square inches.

Mrs. Burton explains there are relatively few hooking artists today. Because of this, she has taken it as her life's work to conduct historical research into this folk art, to continue designing original pieces and to teach the hooked arts to others.

Mrs. Burton conducts workshops and lectures on color, design, dyeing and hooking techniques from her studio, "Sign of the Hook," in Germantown, Maryland. She places heavy stress on original design because she believes it is what separates the artist from the craftsman.

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## A picture of health

Southern Baptist missionary Chris Austin stands before a painting which depicts his public health work in a large area around Farafenni, The Gambia, West Africa. Austin, who holds graduate degrees in public health and tropical diseases, in combining public health work with church planting efforts in the predominantly Muslim country. (BP) PHOTO By Warren Johnson.





# Editorials . . . by Don McGregor

## Smooth things out

The inerrancy conference earlier this month at Ridgecrest may not have solved anything at all. It will be a surprise if it did. It did answer a searching question about Southern Baptists, however.

The conference ended with the 1,000 or so who were there being acutely aware that very few Southern Baptists are not inerrantists. According to the definitions that continued to surface from such leading inerrantists as J. I. Packer, Kenneth Kantzer, and Millard Erickson, there would be only a handful, if any at all, who would not claim inerrancy.

That, of course, is what the Baptist Record has been saying all along. We have insisted that 99 percent of Southern Baptists believe essentially the same way about the Bible. The 55-45 split that has been the experience of the conventions over the last several years is not a true indication of Southern Baptist beliefs. Only 40,000 or so have attended conventions. There are more than 14.5 million Southern Baptists. The 1 percent, or 145,000, more than embraces the extremists on both sides of the spectrum. And even the 45 percent group at the conventions is made up of inerrantists.

Kantzer told the conference that inerrancy is defined to mean that the Bible tells only the truth and never says what is not so. Erickson said, "The inerrancy of scripture means that the Bible is true and therefore can be used of God." Packer declared that inerrancy means that the Bible is totally true and entirely trustworthy.

These are the views that 99 percent of Southern Baptists adhere to. They are not the only views of inerrancy, however. Clark Pinnoch, professor at McMaster Divinity College in Hamilton, Ont., a former Southern Baptist, says there are two ways of viewing inerrancy. One, he says, is a position of great elaboration and strictness with regard to the presuppositions with which we come to scripture. The other is a simpler, more spontaneous biblicism "which also trusts the Bible without reservation but does not believe it is good to burden the Bible reader with too much human theory lest he or she miss what God is saying in the next."

Both views have an equally high regard for the scripture.

If Pinnoch is right, and there is more than ample evidence that he is, is the conflict the result of two slightly varying views of inerrancy, which doesn't seem plausible; or is it an attempt to take over the reins of the convention because of a feeling of being shut out through the years?

The latter thought might not be all that much without merit if it were known that the ones responsible felt that when convention matters were

beyond their control they had not been handled as well as they felt they could have been with a change of control.

But how are we to know that? And remember, this is not an anti-inerrantist piece. It began by pointing out that we are all inerrantists.

So how are we to know? Southern Baptists are not only all close together in theological beliefs, but they are also almost of one accord in agreeing that whoever might be a liberal teacher should not be on a Southern Baptist seminary faculty.

It really doesn't make much difference who is in control of the convention if the control is handled with sensitivity and rectitude. If the control is not handled with those qualities, whoever is in control is just

as much out of place as any liberal would be on a seminary faculty.

What seemed to be the overriding message coming out of the inerrancy conference was that all Southern Baptists are inerrantists. By far the majority of these inerrantists are not of an elaborate and strict position but would adhere to the simpler, more spontaneous biblicism.

Perhaps Southern Baptists have been too lax in the past, but the climate seems to be set at this time for dealing with whatever issues need to be faced. It needs to be done with sensitivity and rectitude, however.

If the 99 percent of Southern Baptists, the 14,335,000, could all get together and act in concert, they could smooth things out in a hurry.

## Baptist Record Sunday

The Baptist Record has been serving Mississippi Baptists since 1877. It is now in its 111th year.

On June 7, churches in Mississippi will be observing Baptist Record Sunday. We hope it will be a time to give thought to the ministry of the Baptist Record throughout its 110 years.

The purpose of the paper is to seek to aid the churches of the Mississippi Baptist Convention in their mission of witnessing to the world. We do this by endeavoring to be of service to the members of those churches in order that they might better serve as church members. The Baptist Record is mailed to the members individually rather than to the churches to be distributed from there.

The Baptist Record belongs to the Baptists of Mississippi. It is one of the institutions, commissions, boards, and other units of work supported by Mississippi Baptists through the Mississippi Baptist Convention. Eighty percent of its income, however, comes from the subscribers; so they have an important stake in its well-being.

And, indeed, the Baptist Record exists to serve its subscribers. It would not be sensible for subscribers to pay for something that was not of service to them.

Most of the Baptist Record subscriptions are handled through church budgets. If at least 50 percent of the church's resident families are subscribers to the paper, the discounted subscription rate of \$5.52 applies. That is 46 cents per month per family. The charges are billed monthly, making it easier for the churches to handle the costs out of their budgets. If 100 percent of the resident families are subscribers to the paper,

an additional discounted rate of \$5.42 applies. Since the Baptist Record has no way of knowing when the 100 percent requirement has been met, the churches are asked to make that fact known in order to receive the lower rate.

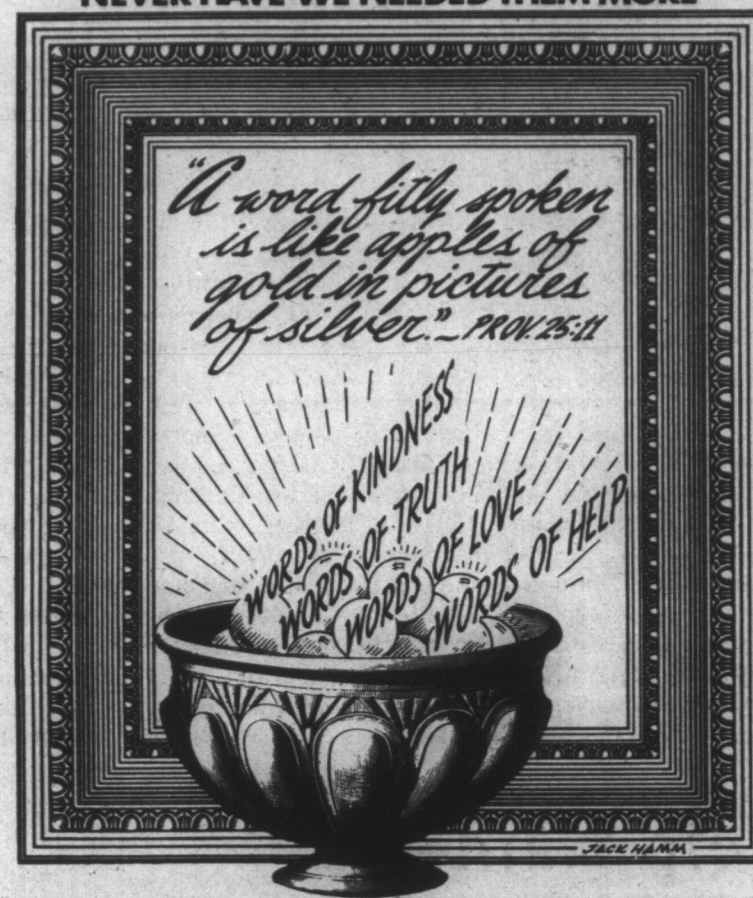
A service that the Baptist Record makes available to churches is printing the church's mailout on the front page of the paper. When the church does its own typesetting by typewriter and its own layout, this service costs \$50 for each time it is used. The Baptist Record makes no money on this. It all goes to the printer. We do like the service, however, for two reasons. First, it puts all of the news — local, state, national, and worldwide — in the same publication. And, second, we know that the average lay reader is more likely to have an interest in the Baptist Record if the news of his church is on the front. Many churches find that this service allows them to have their mailout printed and mailed postage paid for no more than postage would be otherwise. The subscription rate for the Baptist Record still applies, of course; but churches find that they can get the combination of the two for much less than handling the two operations separately.

There is also a club plan for subscriptions that requires at least five subscribers and a single treasurer and is used when less than 50 percent of the resident membership subscribes to the paper. The rate for the club plan is \$6.72, and it is billed monthly, as are the other two rates.

The final rate structure is for the individual subscriber who pays annually. This rate is \$7.35.

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## The church as employer

DALLAS — Local churches are usually considered employers. However, they are exempt from most of the regulations imposed on secular employers.

But should the church not voluntarily comply with regulations that are clearly in the interest of members and/or employees? Take Social Security for instance.

Employees (other than ordained ministers) of churches have automatically been included in Social Security coverage. Employees so covered accrue retirement benefits, eventually are eligible for Medicare, and may receive disability income. In addition, their children who are minors have certain protections in the event of death or disability of the wage earner.

Churches can seek exemption on religious principles by filing Form 8274. The effect of this irrevocable election is to have employees treated as self-employed persons for Social Security purposes.

Filing Form 8274 relieves the church of its responsibilities to pay the employer share of Social Security taxes and to collect and forward the employees' FICA tax. But, the burden shifts to the employees who must then annually file Schedule SE (Form 1040) and pay self-employment tax. The accompanying paperwork for the employee and the high cost of self-employment tax may have negative effects on attracting new employees.

The Tax Reform Act of 1986 provides eight people. We will not list them again at this time, for all were listed recently in observance of National Secretaries' Week.

vides churches the one-time opportunity to cover employees in Social Security by revoking the previous election in Form 8274.

The act also permits the Secretary of the Treasury to revoke the church's previous election if the church fails to furnish required employee earnings information to the Internal Revenue Service for two years or more and fails to furnish such information upon the request of the Secretary of Treasury.

If a church wishes to revoke an earlier decision to file Form 8274, it may contact the nearest office of the Internal Revenue Service. A church may need to refer to Section 1882 of the Tax Reform Act of 1986 which amends the Internal Revenue code and provides churches with a one-time option to revoke Form 8274.

## Discern God's will

ATLANTA (BP) — Missionaries must be men and women of high character who constantly discern the will of God for their ministries, said Southern Baptist Home Mission Board Executive Vice President Bob Banks during a service commissioning 93 new home missionaries for service in 22 states, Canada and Puerto Rico.

Banks, who for the past 10 months has been the chief administrative officer of the agency that supports 3,637 missionaries, compared the missionaries to the "mighty men" of battle who were gathered to help the biblical character David become king of Israel.

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## Mississippi ties for top awards at ACTS ceremonies

By Orville Scott

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP) — ACTS of Jackson, Miss and ACTS of Little Rock, Ark., tied for top honors in the second annual ACTS Awards each receiving three awards.

ACTS, which celebrated its third anniversary at the awards presentation before 850 people at Southwestern Seminary, is beamed via satellite and cable 24 hours a day on 265 stations.

Christian humorist Jerry Clower of Yazoo City, Miss., received the Jimmy R. Allen Award, named for the president of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission which sponsors ACTS (American Christian Television System).

Clower was not able to receive the

award in person, but he addressed the audience by videotape, praising ACTS for its quality.

The awards and recipients were: Best Promotional Spot, (tie) ACTS of Montgomery, Ala., and W11BD TV-11, Lebanon, Tenn.; Best Christian Message Spot, Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky.; Best Spot Series, Morning View Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala.; Best Spot of the Year, ACTS of Little Rock, Ark.;

Best Seasonal Special, (Carols by Candlelight of First Church, Jackson) ACTS of Jackson, Miss.; Best Musical Program, ACTS of Cleveland, Miss., and Mississippi Baptist Convention (Continued on page 13)

## Help wanted

### in Indiana

A number of Southern Baptist churches in communities in Indiana could use the services of bivocational ministers of music. These would work in a secular vocation while working with a local church directing the music program.

According to W.J. Davis, who directs the music department for Southern Baptists in Indiana, often financial support is needed to help establish such volunteers in the area. Davis said retirees or others just completing

seminary or college training might be open to such opportunities.

Maple City Baptist Church in Goshen needs a part time minister of music, male or female, single or married. The church asks for a "can do" type of person who can work toward making the job full time.

For more information on this and other opportunities in Indiana, contact Davis at Box 24189, Indianapolis, Ind. 46224, phone (317) 241-9317.

### in the Philippines

A church planting crusade is being planned by the Foreign Mission Board for the Philippines. The crusade needs 247 preachers to work on the Island of Mindanao in August, September, October, and November.

Each crusade is 10 days and each will take place where no Southern Baptist work is yet established. Group Bible studies are being started in the 247 areas at least six months before

the crusade is set for that area.

The entire trip should take 16 days including travel time, orientation and the crusade itself. Cost from the West coast is \$950.

For more information, contact Don Reed or Jan Whitman, volunteer enlistment department, FMB, Box 6767, Richmond, VA 23230, or phone 1-800-325-6595.



### Gulfshore expansion

Members of the Gulfshore expansion committee meet with some of the convention and convention board officers to pore over final plans for adding half again the number of rooms of each type and the amount of dining space at Gulfshore. The new plans call for two serving lines in doubling the cafeteria. A vote is scheduled at the Mississippi Baptist Convention concerning financing the plan.

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## With modifications

# Committee recommends SBC stay with BJCPA

By Dan Martin

NASHVILLE (BP) — The Southern Baptist Convention will continue to be a member of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs if a recommendation of a special fact-finding committee is accepted in June.

A nine-member study committee, which includes James Yates, pastor of First Church, Yazoo City, has recommended that the SBC "continue to relate to the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs," a religious liberty-separation of church and state watchdog organization of nine Baptist groups in the United States and Canada.

The study committee, chaired by Gary F. Young of Phoenix, Ariz., has been studying the issue of Southern Baptist participation in the Baptist Joint Committee since September of 1986, when it was appointed to look into the relationship between the two groups.

During the 1986 annual meeting of the SBC in Atlanta, a retired Mobile, Ala., layman, M.G. (Dan) Daniels, made a motion to "remove the SBC from participation in the BJCPA and establish an exclusive Southern Baptist presence in Washington for the purpose of more truly reflecting our views."

Daniel's motion was the latest in a series of attacks on SBC participation in the BJCPA. The Baptist Joint Committee and its executive director, James M. Dunn, have been under increasing fire from more conservative Southern Baptists, generally over questions of style and the organization's perceived unresponsiveness to the SBC, particularly the BJCPA's opposition to the school prayer amendment.

Daniels' 1986 motion was referred to the Executive Committee for further study, with instruction that a report be made during the 1987 annual meeting in St. Louis.

The recommendation will be presented to a meeting of the SBC Executive Committee June 15 in advance of the 1987 annual meeting. If the 70-member committee accepts the recommendation, it will be presented to messengers at the annual meeting June 16, who then must vote to accept or reject the recommendation.

Young told Baptist Press the key to the recommendation is acceptance of a proposal to change SBC Bylaw 18, which governs the work and membership of SBC standing committees. The SBC relates to the BJCPA through the

Public Affairs Committee, an 18-member standing committee.

In February, the special study committee recommended revision of Bylaw 18 in regard to the Public Affairs Committee. The revision was adopted by the Executive Committee and will be recommended to messengers at the annual meeting.

"The bottom line of our recommendation is that we will stay with the Baptist Joint Committee, but that our relationship with them will be changed because we are changing the makeup and constituency of the Public Affairs Committee," Young told Baptist Press.

A revision of Bylaw 18 was necessitated when the Baptist Joint Committee reorganized in October, creating a 54-member board and increasing SBC membership from 15 to 18.

Under the old bylaw, the Public Affairs Committee was made up of 15 members, of whom nine served by virtue of office as executives of SBC agencies, leaving only five slots to be filled by at-large members. The SBC president also was a voting member.

Under the revision, five agency executives will serve as board members — the chief executives of the Executive Committee, the Home Mission Board, the Foreign Mission Board, the Baptist Sunday School Board and the Annuity Board. The president of the SBC also will be a voting member and the remaining 12 seats will be at-large representatives.

The executive of the SBC Christian

Life Commission — who had a seat under the old bylaw — would become a non-voting ex-officio member under the revision.

Another change in the bylaw is that it "encourages the Public Affairs Committee to coordinate its work through the BJCPA," but also specifies the group can "take action on motions and resolutions of the SBC upon which the BJCPA cannot agree and/or does not support."

In addition to recommending the relationship between the BJCPA and the SBC be retained through the revised Public Affairs Committee, the fact finding committee also included a recommendation that it "encourages the trustees of the SBC Christian Life Commission to continue the consideration of opening an office in Washington to deal with those appropriate moral and social concerns within its program statement and consistent with motions and resolutions adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention."

In reaching its conclusions, the committee issued a series of findings, which include:

— There is strength in numbers and diversity, and the estimated 27 million Baptists who are members of the nine Baptist bodies making up the BJCPA "represent a greater potential influence" in Washington than do 14.6 million Southern Baptists.

— There are a number of Baptist groups who do not participate in the BJCPA, and encouraged the Public

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## Paul Pressler will oppose BJCPA defunding efforts

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Paul Pressler has promised to oppose any effort to defund the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs if messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention approve a proposed change in SBC bylaws at the annual meeting of the convention June 16-18.

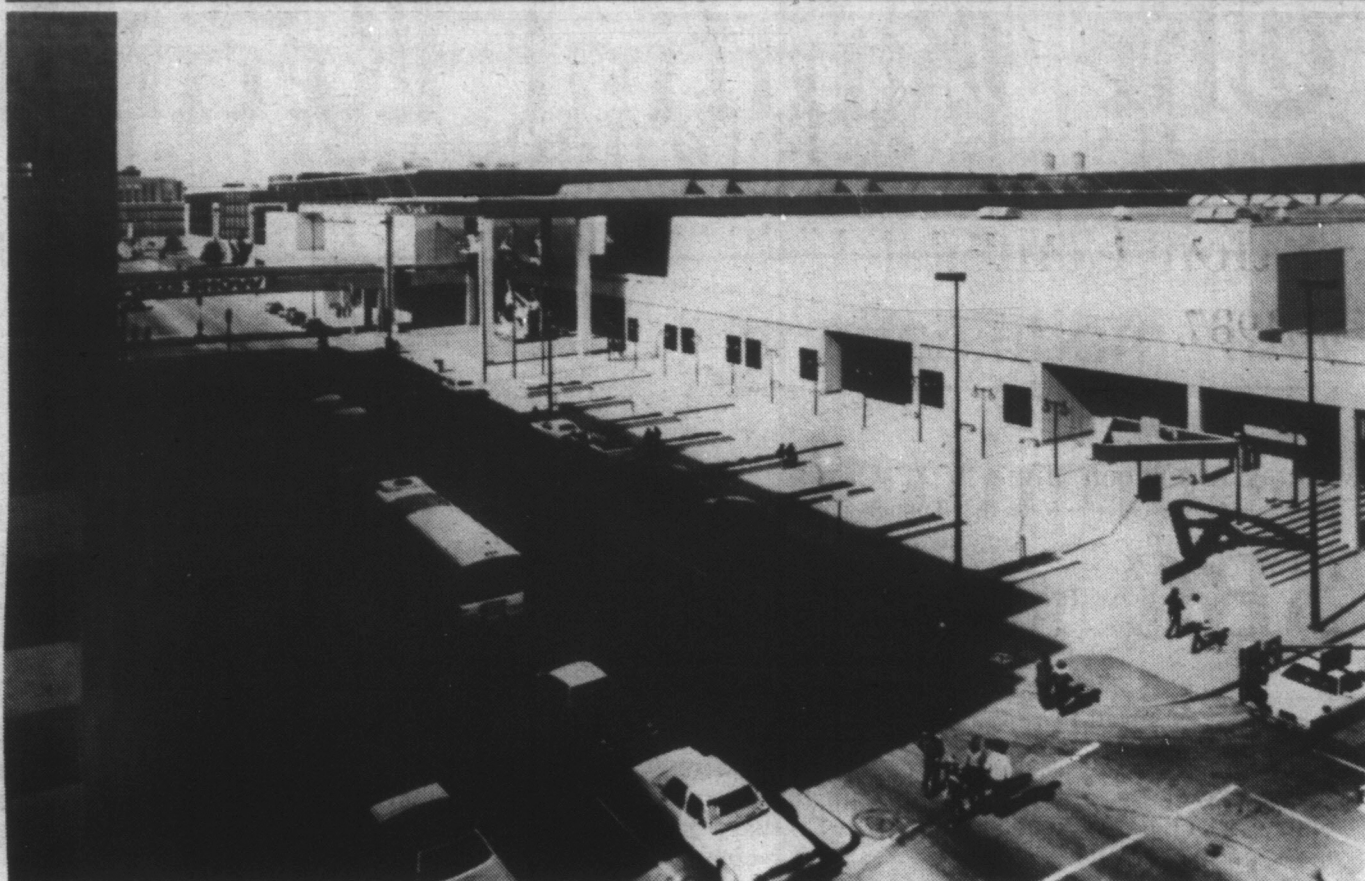
The Houston appeals court judge, who has been a leader in the effort to turn the SBC in a more conservative direction, made the remarks to a group of pastors and laypeople in Richmond May 12. The Texan said he was in Virginia for the graduation of

his daughter from Randolph Macon Women's College in Lynchburg and was making appearances at several meetings around the state.

Pressler said the proposed bylaw change "will allow Southern Baptists to express themselves more directly in the affairs of the Baptist Joint Committee. I have pledged myself, and I would urge your support, to adopt this bylaw amendment at the convention."

"I also pledge, if the bylaw is adopted, to do everything I can to keep a motion from being made to defund the Baptist Joint Committee," he said.





Cervantes Convention Center in downtown St. Louis will host the 1987 Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting June 16-18. (BP) photo courtesy St. Louis Convention & Visitors Commission.

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## Graham to highlight convention's close

ST. LOUIS (BP) — World-renowned evangelist Billy Graham will highlight the final day of the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting here, June 16-18, Graham's sermon will be at 11:10 a.m. Thursday, June 18, in Cervantes Convention Center. He will be one of four Southern Baptist vocational evangelists who will interpret the convention theme, "To Know Him . . . To Make Him Known."

"We are recognizing Southern Baptist evangelists by asking them to do the theme interpretations," said Stan Coffey, chairman of the SBC Order of Business Committee and pastor of San Jacinto Baptist Church in Amarillo.

"Dr. Graham is the foremost Southern Baptist evangelist, and we have asked him to speak on making

Christ known through world evangelization," Coffey noted. "This has been his ministry for so many years; he has spoken literally around the world."

"We hope that in his challenge to us, it will keep Bold Mission Thrust (the SBC program to present the gospel to the whole world by the year 2000) alive or give more emphasis to it. We hope it will give more emphasis on evangelism and missions and undergird our thrust there."

The other evangelists who will present theme interpretations are Manley Beasley of Bedford, Texas, "Know Him in Prayer;" Ron Dunn of Irving, Texas, "Know Him Through the Word;" and Eddie Martin of Lancaster, Pa., "Make Him Known."

## Array of sounds will greet Baptist church musicians

ST. LOUIS (BP) — About 1,000 musicians are expected to participate in the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference, to be held at First Baptist Church of Ellisville, Mo., a St. Louis suburb, June 13-15 immediately prior to the SBC annual meeting here.

The conference's theme will be, "Teaching and admonishing one another in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, singing (and playing) with grace in your hearts to the Lord," based on Colossians 3:16 in the New Testament.

"This has been a constant scriptural philosophy, to do all that we do to honor the Lord," explained Harry L. Cowan, conference president and minister of music at First Baptist Church of New Orleans. "When we (church musicians) are working with our people, we need to be teaching and admonishing through this wonderful thing we call music."

The organization's constituency necessitates the length of its three-day conference, Cowan said: "We try to minister to three groups — those who work in local churches, those who work for the denomination and those who work for educational institutions. We are trying to meet the needs of all of our musicians through these divisional meetings and through three simultaneous conferences on choral technique, organ, and children's choirs."

The conference's variety of performances reflects the variety of musical ministries, from handbells to vocal solos to orchestras to graded choirs, he said.

A key feature of the conference will be a panel discussion on "Perspectives on Music in the Church Worship Services." It will feature ministers of music from five Southern Baptist

churches and will be moderated by William L. Hooper, dean of the Casebolt School of Fine Arts at Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, Mo.

### Panelist philosophies

The panelists have been asked to share their philosophies of church music, their definitions of worship, and how they use music in their churches, Cowan said. They also have been asked to explain how and why their styles of music in worship have changed during the past 10 to 15 years.

The conference also will include mini-recitals by Cynthia Clawson, vocalist from Louisville, Ky.; Steve Amerson, vocalist from Van Nuys, Calif.; Greg Buchanan, harpist from Fresno, Calif.; Boyd Jones, organist from Louisville; and Warren Angell, pianist from Shawnee, Okla.

Other performances will include: — Children's choirs. Community Girls' Chorus from Paris, Tenn., and the older children's choir from First Baptist Church of Asheville, N.C.

— Church choirs and orchestras. The adult choirs and orchestras from First Baptist Church of Jacksonville, Fla., and First Baptist Church of Little Rock, Ark.

— Handbells. Oklahoma Baptist University handbell choir, Shawnee.

— Youth choirs and orchestra. Oklahoma Baptist All-State Youth Choir and Orchestra, and University Baptist Church chapel choir, Fort Worth, Texas.

— College and seminary choirs. Midwestern Singers of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., and Southwest Baptist University chorale.

— Men's groups. Centurymen, comprised of ministers of music from

across the SBC, and Missouri Music Men, composed of ministers of music from Southern Baptist churches in Missouri.

— Clinicians. Donald Neuen, professor of conducting and director of choral activities at the Eastman School of Music, Rochester, N.Y., teaching choral techniques; and Boyd Jones, teaching organ performance.

— Children's choir clinicians. Talmadge Butler, professor of music at New Orleans Seminary; Linda Boyd, children's choir ministry coordinator at First Baptist Church of Atlanta; and Jo Ann Butler, professor of music at Midwestern seminary.

The conference will premiere two commissioned anthems, "Sing to the Lord a New Song," by Vicki Hancock Wright, arranger and composer from Nashville; and "Words of Peace," by John Purifoy, composer and arranger from Knoxville, Tenn.

### Two messages

Participants also will hear four non-musical presentations: two inspirational messages by Joel Gregory, pastor of Travis Avenue Baptist Church in Fort Worth; and two addresses on stress and music ministers by Wade Rowatt, associate dean of the school of theology at Southern Seminary in Louisville.

The conference will honor three musicians. Charles S. Gatwood, retired music secretary for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, and Eugene F. Quinn, music secretary for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, will receive honorary memberships in the organization. The late Thad Roberts Jr., former minister of music at South Main Baptist Church in Houston, will receive the W. Hines Sims Award.

## Women plan fellowship time at special meals

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Southern Baptist women will join for a time of Christian fellowship at special meal events offered during the 1987 Woman's Missionary Union Annual Meeting. This year's meeting will be June 14-15 in St. Louis, Mo.

All meal functions will be held at the Clarion Hotel. One meal event is planned for Sunday and two on Monday. Tickets must be purchased by June 1.

A Prayer Box Supper will begin on Sunday at 5:30 p.m., with women joining together to pray for the specific needs of world missions.

Members of the Baptist Nursing Fellowship will meet Monday at 7 a.m. for breakfast. The theme will be "Celebrate — Making Christ Known

Through Nursing." Missionaries and members will share how they are sharing Christ through their state chapters.

A Promotivation Luncheon will start at 11:45 a.m. The event will have an "Hour Magazine" format with segments featuring an editor interview, cosmetic makeover, and a cooking special. The entire luncheon will highlight WMU products and will promote the WMU Centennial, to be held May 13-14, 1988, in Richmond, Va.

Ticket prices are: BNF Breakfast, \$8.25; Promotivation Luncheon, \$15; and Prayer Box Supper, \$11.

Tickets can be purchased by writing: Barbara Yeager, Woman's Missionary Union, P. O. Box C-10, Birmingham, AL 35283-0010. Checks must be made payable to WMU, SBC.

## Missions directors will study how they can assist churches

ST. LOUIS (BP) — Southern Baptist associational missions directors will examine how their local organizations help churches reach America for Christ during their annual meeting here June 14-15.

"The Association Assisting Churches on Mission" will be the theme for the 26th annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Conference of Directors of Missions, to be held at the St. Louis Park Terrace Airport Hilton.

"We will study how the association (a local organization of Southern Baptist churches) does in fact strengthen the churches for their work," said Carl

J. Duck, president of the conference and executive director of Nashville Baptist Association.

About 400 associational directors of missions are expected for the conference, to be held immediately prior

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# Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference

Cervantes Convention Center

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## Sunday Evening, June 14, 1987

- 6:30 — Pre-session Music — Festival Choir and Orchestra, Roswell Street Baptist Church, Marietta, Ga.  
 — Welcome — Nelson L. Price, pastor, Roswell Street Baptist Church, Marietta, Ga.  
 — Invocation — Robert E. Reccord, pastor, Carmel Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C.  
 — Congregational Praise — Jim Faull, minister of music, Roswell Street Baptist Church, Marietta, Ga.  
 — Special Music — Festival Choir and Orchestra, Gary Harris, soloist, Marietta, Ga.  
 — Message: "The Emmanuel Factor . . . in Forgiveness" — Thomas D. Elliff, pastor, First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla.  
 — Congregational Praise  
 — Offertory: Roswell Street Orchestra, Phillip Allen, director, Marietta, Ga.  
 — Offering — Special Music — Festival Choir and Orchestra  
 — Message: "The Emmanuel Factor . . . in Conquering Contemporary Crisis" — Richard Vera, evangelist, Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas  
 — Special Music — Roger Hill, soloist, Marietta, Ga.  
 — Message: "The Emmanuel Factor . . . in the Compassion For Souls" — Bailey Smith, evangelist, Del City, Okla.  
 — Benediction — James Garner, pastor, First Baptist Church, Bogalusa, La.

## Monday Morning, June 15

- 9:00 — Special Music — Greg Buchanan, concert harpist, Fort Worth, Texas  
 — Invocation — Otto Valdes, missionary, Birmingham Baptist Association, Birmingham, Ala.  
 — Congregational Praise  
 — Message: "The Emmanuel Factor . . . in a Life of Self-Denial" — Jack Millwood, pastor, First Baptist Church, Chickasaw, Ala.  
 — Congregational Praise  
 — Special Music — Joe Estes, music evangelist, Mobile, Ala.  
 — Message: "The Emmanuel Factor . . . in Resurrection" — Landrum P. Leavell II, president, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary  
 — Special Music — Greg Buchanan  
 — Testimony — Mark Price, Cleveland Cavaliers, Cleveland  
 — Congregational Praise  
 — Message: "The Emmanuel Factor . . . in Salvation" — E.W. McCall, pastor, St. Stephens Baptist Church, LaPuente, Calif.  
 — Congregational Praise  
 — Offering  
 — Special Presentation — Tom Clark, Broadman, Nashville  
 — Special Music — Jeff and Joy Earle, concert artists, Marietta, Ga.  
 — Message: "The Emmanuel Factor and Neo-Pagan Philosophy" — Carl F.H. Henry, evangelical theologian and author, World Vision International, Arlington, Va.

- Benediction — Jim McLeroy, pastor, First Southern Baptist Church, Las Vegas, Nev.

## Monday Afternoon, June 15

- 1:15 — Special Music — Miss J.J. Turner, concert soloist, Carrollton, Ga.  
 — Invocation — Jay T. George, pastor, Overton Road Baptist Church, Tucson, Az.  
 — Congregational Praise — Joe Estes  
 — Special Music — Miss J.J. Turner  
 — Message: "The Emmanuel Factor . . . in the Spirit-Filled Life" — Ralph M. Smith, pastor, Hyde Park Baptist Church, Austin, Texas  
 — Congregational Praise  
 — Special Music — Joe Estes  
 — Message: "The Emmanuel Factor . . . When We Need Him" — Richard G. Lee, pastor, Rehoboth Baptist Church, Tucker, Ga.  
 — Congregational Praise  
 — Offering  
 — Election of Officers  
 — Special Music — Greg Buchanan  
 — Message: "The Emmanuel Factor . . . in the Church" — David Miller, missionary, Little Red River Baptist Association, Heber Springs, Ark.  
 — Congregational Praise  
 — Special Music — Miss Marlesa Ball, Miss Georgia, 1986  
 — Message: "The Emmanuel Factor . . . in Contending for the Faith" — Jerry Sutton, pastor, Two Rivers Baptist Church, Nashville  
 — Benediction — Gary Taylor, pastor, Tower Grove Baptist Church, St. Louis

## Monday Evening, June 15

- 6:30 — Pre-session Music — Festival Choir and Orchestra  
 — Special Music — Babbie Mason, concert artist, Marietta, Ga.  
 — Invocation — Randy W. Turner, pastor, Parkway Baptist Church, Natchez, Miss.  
 — Congregational Praise — Jim Faull  
 — Special Music — Greg Buchanan  
 — Message: "The Emmanuel Factor . . . in Search of Integrity" — James T. Draper Jr., pastor, First Baptist Church, Euless, Texas  
 — Welcome to the Southern Baptist Convention — Adrian Rogers, pastor, Bellevue Baptist Church, and president of Southern Baptist Convention  
 — Introduction of 1988 Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference Officers  
 — Offertory — Roswell Street Orchestra  
 — Offering  
 — Special Music — Festival Choir and Orchestra, Roger Hill, soloist, Marietta, Ga.  
 — Message: "The Emmanuel Factor . . . in Evangelism" — Jerry Johnston, evangelist, Overland Park, Kan.  
 — Benediction — New President of SBC Pastors' Conference



## Educators focus on relationships

ST. LOUIS (BP) — Religious educators from across the Southern Baptist Convention will focus on interpersonal relationships when they meet here June 13-15.

"Partners in Ministry" will be the theme for the Southern Baptist Religious Education Association annual meeting, to be held at the Omni International Hotel immediately prior to the SBC annual meeting, also in St. Louis.

"We're going to deal with interpersonal relationships. This is a time when a lot of people on church staffs are hurting," said Lloyd Householder, the association's president and assistant vice president for communications at the SBC Sunday-School Board in Nashville.

"We're going to work on healing," Householder said. Ministers' identity, their short tenures in churches and church-staff relationships are areas of concern, he added.

This issue will be the subject of two addresses by Wayne Oates, professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at the University of Louisville in Louisville, Ky.

"Disorders of Character: A Challenge to Religious Educators" will be presented in an elective seminar Saturday afternoon, June 13. This seminar will focus on "disruptive factors in congregations and the larger partnership between ministers and people," Householder said, noting the content comes from Oates' research for a new book. His second address, "Freely Give . . . Freely Receive," will be presented Sunday evening, June 14.

Other major conference speakers will include:

— Calvin Miller, author and pastor of Westside Baptist Church in Omaha, Neb., who will speak on "Christ: Our Model as Educators."

— Pollster George Gallup Jr., president of the American Institute of Public Opinion in Princeton, N.J., who will address "Religion in Our Changing World."

— Reginald M. McDonough, executive director of the Baptist General Association of Virginia and formerly executive vice president of the SBC Executive Committee, will describe Directions 2000, the plan for implementing the denomination's missions and evangelism goals through the end of the century.

The conference also will feature panel discussions using the staffs of

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## Pastors will focus on 'Emmanuel Factor'

ST. LOUIS (BP) — "The Emmanuel Factor" of how Christ influences and impacts the daily routine of life will be the theme of the 1987 Pastors' Conference, to be held June 14-15 in Cervantes Convention Center.

"I have urged each of the speakers to preach Jesus," said Nelson Price, pastor of Roswell Street Baptist Church in Marietta, Ga., and president of the Pastors' Conference.

The conference, expected to attract about 20,000 people, is one of the meetings held in advance of the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, scheduled June 16-18, also in Cervantes Convention Center.

Price told Baptist Press he encouraged speakers "to preach Christ and not get involved in denominational politics. I want the conference to build up the pastors and the people who attend, and I am optimistic the speakers are going to do that."

Price said he wrote to each speaker

and said: "I want to encourage you to preach Jesus. We will have three days following the conference in which the SBC can deal with expedient 'political' issues and other vital topics.

That is essential. However, our presentation of Jesus in the proper manner will include the spirit with which this is done. Therefore, it is imperative that we deal with inspiration and motivation."

The program, he said, is "loaded with people who are not big names. I wanted to blend familiar voices with some new voices. Some of the speakers were asked to speak because of personal acquaintances or hearing from friends about how these people were being used by the Lord. I felt some of them might be a contemporary voice and an encouragement."

Carl F.H. Henry, whom Price said is "Southern Baptists' best known international theologian, will speak on "The Emmanuel Factor and Neo-

pagan Philosophy." Price said: "I thought we needed to hear this gentleman."

Henry, a former editor of Christianity Today, is from Arlington, Va., and is associated with World Vision International.

Price also invited Landrum P. Leavell II, president of New Orleans Seminary, to address the conference on "The Emmanuel Factor in Resurrection." Price said Leavell "is a voice that needs to be heard."

Other well known names include former SBC presidents Bailey E. Smith of Del City, Okla., and James T. Draper Jr., of Euless, Texas. Smith will speak on the compassion for souls and Draper on the search for integrity.

Among others to speak include Tom Elliff, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church of Del City, Okla.; Richard Vera, an evangelist from Dallas; Jack

Millwood, pastor of First Baptist Church of Chickasaw, Ala.; E.W. McCall, pastor of St. Stephens Baptist Church in La Puente, Calif.

Ralph Smith, pastor of Hyde Park Baptist Church of Austin, Texas; Richard G. Lee, pastor of Rehoboth Baptist Church of Tucker, Ga.; David Miller, director of missions from Heber Springs, Ark.; Jerry Sutton, pastor of Two Rivers Baptist Church of Nashville; and Jerry Johnston, an evangelist from Overland Park, Kan.

Music will be led by Jim Faull, minister of music at Roswell Street Baptist Church in Marietta, Ga.

In addition to Price, other officers of the Pastors' Conference are Tommy Hinson, pastor of First Baptist Church of West Memphis, Ark., vice president, and Richard Blair, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, secretary-treasurer.



# Who can decide whom to employ?

By Lonnie Wilkey

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Court cases involving the separation of church and state, including a pending Supreme Court decision which could "ultimately destroy" church-related institutions, were dissected during the National Conference on Autonomy and Accountability here in mid-March.

The meeting was sponsored by the Center for Constitutional Studies, an ecumenical organization headquartered at Mercer University, a Georgia Baptist institution in Macon.

Basil M. Thomson, general counsel for Baylor University in Waco, said the Supreme Court case *Corporation of Presiding Bishop v. Amos* has the "potential of ultimately destroying" religiously affiliated colleges and universities.

The case centers around the question of whether churches and their related institutions can decide for themselves whom to employ in any position. The Civil Rights Act of 1972 exempted churches from a ban on

religious discrimination in employment.

Last fall, however, a U.S. district court ruled the 1972 provision unconstitutional in a case involving employees of a Mormon Church-owned business who were fired after failing to meet requirements that would have qualified them for the privileged church status of "temple recommends."

Thomson said if the Supreme Court upholds the district court's ruling, church-related institutions could be required to hire atheists, agnostics, and other non-Christians, even in religion departments.

Edward M. Gaffney, professor of law at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles, claimed the district court made "four major errors in how it set up standards for review of employment discrimination cases."

Gaffney noted the district court:

— Confined religious activities to those which are directly related to spreading or teaching of religious

beliefs, doctrine, or practices of the sacred rituals of the church.

— Explicitly used secular standards in order to evaluate the religious quality of church activities.

— Refused to grant constitutional protection to sincerely held religious tenets of the Mormon community because Mormons were inconsistent.

— Confined religious activities to those that are compelled by religious doctrine.

"This constitutional nonsense is being propagated as if though it were clear doctrine," Gaffney charged.

He argued that free exercise is available for sincerely held religious beliefs. Secular courts, he added, are not the place to argue out the legitimacy of those claims.

The national board of advisors for the center include two Baptist agency heads — James M. Dunn, Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, and Arthur L. Walker Jr., Southern Baptist Education Commission.

Lonnie Wilkey writes for the SBC Education Commission.

## Camp Garaywa choices left

"Created to Show Love" is the theme for the summer camping program for GAs and Acteens at Camp Garaywa in Clinton. Five of the GA camp weeks are filled to capacity. To enable more campers an opportunity to come for a Monday through Friday camp the week of July 27-31 is now one of the choices. Space is available for the following camp dates.

GA Camps: June 1-5; July 20-24; July 27-31.

GA Mini-Camps: June 29-July 1; July 27-29.

Acteens Camp: Aug. 3-7.

For more information contact Lynda Glass at 968-3800, ext. 3916.

## "Religious Liberty in Review" to premiere on ACTS network

WASHINGTON (BP) — A television program showcasing the issue of religious liberty will premiere nationwide on the American Christian Television System at 7:30 p.m. (Central Daylight Time) Thursday, June 4. "Religious Liberty in Review" focuses on the biblical and historical basis for and modern-day implications of religious liberty and church-state separation. It is hosted by Radio and Television Commission staffer Richard T. McCartney.

Topics of discussion range from

government intrusion into religion to the teaching of religion in public schools to the role of Christians in politics.

The 30-minute program features three Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs executives — James M. Dunn, executive director; Stan Hastey, associate executive director; and Oliver Thomas, general counsel.

An introduction to the talk-show format program is provided by Bill Moyers, nationally known television news correspondent and producer.

## Letters to the editor

Letters to the editor must be limited to 300 words and the editor reserves the right to trim those that are longer. Editorial prerogatives must be reserved under all circumstances, and the opinions of the letter writers do not necessarily reflect the views of the staff of the Baptist Record. Only signed letters will be used, but the writer may request that his name be withheld.

### TV ministries

Editor:

A lot has been printed and spoken over our TV sets lately concerning the TV ministries, especially Jim Bakker of PTL.

It is unfortunate that such publicity is given those who should proclaim the love of God to all mankind. However, in the words of Jesus Christ, "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone..." (John 8:7.)

Of all the TV ministries to my knowledge, only Billy Graham encourages those who would become followers of Christ to seek out a local church and to become active in the church's witness to non-Christians. According to the New Testament, the local church is God's plan to evangelize the teachings of Jesus.

Billy Graham's crusades in places throughout the world have always been at the invitation of his team by the local churches into their cities. After conversion, the local church is where people should continue their daily and weekly worship of God. Billy Graham does not telecast on Sundays since he encourages local church worship.

I believe if a person limits himself just to viewing a Sunday TV sermon he is missing the Christian fellowship found in the local church. I strongly recommend REGULAR CHURCH ATTENDANCE to those who would follow Christian beliefs. If needed, members of the local church may visit you in the hospital or serve as pallbearers at your demise!

Sincerely,  
Robert S. Leigh  
Jackson

### Prayer for each other

Editor:

I hate to shock everyone, but a preacher is a man, and that means he puts his pants on one leg at a time, just like everybody else. "Yes, we know," everyone says as they yawn. Please, please, reread that first sentence until it sinks in. A preacher is a sinner saved by grace just like you and me. In some ways, a preacher is simply a Christian who likes to talk a lot.

When I hear of dying churches, with blame placed on the preacher and then on the brethren, I become frustrated. First of all, a preacher is not the builder of the church. He is, at best, the foreman; but he does not even have the advantage of a precise blueprint! Secondly, some preachers are more spiritually mature and receptive than other preachers, just as some laymen are more spiritually mature and receptive than others.

There are many reasons a preacher might not be at his best and many reasons why a church dies. I challenge everyone who reads this who thinks his preacher is spiritually weak or dead to go to that preacher and say, simply, "I sense something is troubling you. How can I help?" If we critics would check the facts first, criticism would probably die a natural death.

A person who is angry, frustrated, and critical quite often has struggles within himself that affect his response to everyone. It has been my observation that one who lashes out at another is himself hurting in some way. I challenge the critics — preachers and members alike — to examine

themselves first, to see if their own struggles are causing them to lash out at one another. I challenge those who are sincerely concerned about the lack of evidence of the Holy Spirit in their church to begin praying immediately for the Spirit to come into their own lives so that they can share that within the church themselves, then go to the preacher and ask him to pray for the Spirit to indwell and empower both of them. God will not ignore a sincere request for help to do his will. I challenge every preacher to examine himself and then pray for the Spirit to work through him to renew the church and, lastly, to find at least one member to pray with him. Keep in mind, preachers and members, that you will never find in one another what only God can give; but you can seek him together.

Christians, whether preacher or layman, you are called to flock together, not to peck one another to death.

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### Two sides to the story

Editor,

As usual there are two sides to every story. As a church secretary I would like to share my thoughts on the article, "Finished Work," and other articles in your paper recently.

I don't believe our church is putting all the blame on the pastor for the mess we are in. I see a man of God that has done many good things for this church. I know he believes he is right and in the will of God. But, who is to say the pastor is always right and we are always the ones that are out of the will of God. I see a very strong willed man. I see a man that will let pride, salary, family, and comfort keep him in a position where

everyone is miserable.

I believe the church has to take responsibility. We let ourselves be manipulated for years. We never stood up for what we felt was right or in God's will. Now that we want to take a stand, we are horrible people who are trying to run the preacher off. Again, there are so many facts that people not involved don't know about. They see a man that preaches the Bible, and they don't see the other side of him.

I do believe that pastors are smart enough to know when they have lost their effectiveness. I know mine is. He can tell by attendance; no enthusiasm; and most important, no commitment. He has to ask, Why? Yes, he can still minister to a degree. But there are some he can never minister to again.

We are not saying he should be doing all the visiting and ministering to people. We, as Christians, know what the Lord expects of us. But why are his people not motivated? He would say, "they are out of the will of God." If so, why? We have had revival after revival with very few commitments. Why?

Our church will not be healed overnight if the pastor leaves. It is true many of us need to search our hearts. But I strongly believe this man cannot lead this flock any longer. We need a new shepherd to motivate us and to unite us again with a bond of love. And he needs a church where he can be loved and be the pastor that the Lord wants him to be.

The last thing anyone in this church wants to do is force him to leave. A true man of God would put pride aside and put the Lord's church first and resign.

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### Prayer in schools

Editor:

I am a student in high school, a member of a Baptist church, and a devout believer in the power of prayer. But I agree with you that an organized prayer system in our schools would cause more problems to arise than allowing students to pray on their own time and of their own free will.

I think the reason that many Christians are so excited about the idea of organized prayer in school is this: they want to be an effective witness for Jesus without having to do the actual hard work. Let me explain. Suppose a Christian senator was convicted by God of the need for sharing Christ with the world. Instead of using the numerous opportunities to share with friends, family, and, yes, even strangers on a daily basis, he looks to using his position to reach people on "a broader scope." He may have the best intentions in the world, without realizing how much controversy would arise when teachers and students are of different faiths. He fails to realize that sharing Christ is done personally, through living a Christian life and telling of your faith.

Before we Christians become all wrapped up in social issues, such as organized school prayer, and how we can change them to "reach everyone for Jesus Christ," we need to first examine our own lives and determine how we can be a witness to those who see us every day and know us best. We must remember that Jesus Christ did not spend his time changing the laws; he lived the perfect life and preached, not only to the masses but also to the ordinary people he knew and loved.

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## Devotional *The life of joy!*

By Donnie Guy  
Philippians 3:20

The third step in maintaining Christian joy, in the midst of trouble, is to develop a spiritual mind. In Phil. 3:20, Paul shares, "For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ."



Guy

Paul's joy came as a result of his knowing that this world was not his final home, for he was a citizen of a far better place. We see further evidence of this in Colossians 3:2, when he reminds us to, "set our affection on things above, not on things on the earth."

The person with the spiritual mind is making plans for the eternal, not the temporal. An old gospel song puts it this way, "This world is not my home, for I am just passing through... and I can't feel at home in this world anymore." This type of attitude caused Paul's enemies great difficulty, because he could not be threatened even with death. For in killing him, they would have only made him happy.

What are the characteristics of the spiritual mind? The first is to look forward to being with Jesus (Phil. 3:20). Paul had gotten a glimpse of Jesus on the road to Damascus, and, now, he was anxious to see him face to face. I heard about a Retarded Children's Village in Kentucky, where they teach the children all about Jesus. They teach them about the second coming! When the custodian was asked what the hardest job was in taking care of those little retarded children, he replied, "keeping their little noses and hand prints wiped off the windows, where they get up every morning looking for Jesus to return." Paul looked forward to seeing Jesus.

The second characteristic is to live as citizens of heaven. When Paul was a citizen of Rome, he obeyed all of her laws, but when his citizenship changed to heaven, he became Rome's enemy. In John 15:18, Jesus put it this way, "If ye were of the world, the world would love its own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you."

As a citizen of heaven, what are the laws I am expected to obey?

One: I need to read the Book of Heaven — The Bible (Is. 34:16).

Two: I need to assemble with the citizens of heaven, in worship, each week (Heb. 10:25).

Three: I need to give for the upbuilding of the kingdom of heaven (Mal. 3:8).

Four: I need to share the message of heaven — the gospel (Mt. 28:19).

The spiritual mind is to realize we have a new citizenship in heaven and to start laying up treasures there, where they can never be destroyed by the corrosion of this world.

Next week, The Secure Mind.

Donnie Guy is a Gulf Coast-based evangelist.

## capsules

### "MFMF" organizes

Forty-four former foreign missionaries, including two former Journeymen, met at Camp Garaywa on April 11 for a time of fellowship and information. The group, known as Mississippi Foreign Mission Fellowship, was updated by Mel Torstrick from the Foreign Mission Board on matters dealing with the work of the board and its missionaries around the world.

The Mississippi Foreign Mission Fellowship is open to anyone living in Mississippi who has served as a Journeyman or career missionary. Any interested person can contact the WMU Department at Box 530, Jackson, 39205, for more information. The next meeting will be Oct. 17 at Camp Garaywa.

### Bivocationals meet

Bivocational ministers are invited to the Mid-Mississippi Bivocational Ministers Celebration, May 22, at 7 p.m., at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall in Jackson.

All bivocationalists and their mates are invited to get together for

fellowship, affirmation, and inspiration, according to Dale Holloway, national consultant for bivocational ministries. He said, "BiVos will have an opportunity of sharing some of the good things about their lives and ministries."

The banquet is compliments of the Mississippi Baptist Convention and the Home Mission Board.

Call 968-3800 ext. 3965 for reservations.

### Drug quiz set

Mississippi Baptist Chemical Dependency Center presents "The National Teenage Drug and Alcohol Abuse Quiz," a half hour program featuring 16 teenage recovering alcoholics and drug abusers responding to questions on Saturday, May 30, at 5:30 p.m. on WLBT-TV, channel 3. This is a self-diagnostic test for viewers and allows them to overcome denial of the problem in a sensitive, caring way.

### Correction

Correction on Golden Gate Seminary Alumni and Friends Luncheon: The date of the luncheon was reported as June 12. The correct date is Wednesday, June 17, at 1 p.m.

## William Crews inaugurated at Golden Gate, affirms Bible

MILL VALLEY, Calif. (BP) — William O. Crews Jr. affirmed the Bible as true and his school's ministry to the West during his inauguration as sixth president of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary here April 27.

"Golden Gate seminary will remain committed to the 1963 Baptist Faith and Message Statement, particularly the portion which says the Bible has truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter," said Crews, 51, who was elected president of the Southern Baptist seminary in December.

Scripture — and the way it is taught in Southern Baptists' six seminaries — has been at the center of theological/political strife within the convention for about eight years. Crews stressed that he and his seminary support the Bible as true. He pledged his personal commit-

ment to the October 1986 "Glorieta Statement" written by the seminary presidents two months before he was elected to lead Golden Gate seminary. The presidents' document, presented as an instrument for healing within the convention, states: "The 66 books of the Bible are not errant in any area of reality. We hold to their infallible power and binding authority."

"I am convinced that this statement, treated with integrity, could be the basis for reconciliation in our troubled denomination," Crews said during his inaugural service.

Referring to the Baptist Faith and Message Statement, Crews reminded his audience that each person on the faculty of Golden Gate is asked to sign that statement and "teach in accord with, and not contrary to, the statement."

He added, however: "I do not believe that signing this statement

should ever be treated as either a means of getting or keeping one's job at Golden Gate. It should be signed with integrity or not at all."

Prior to his election as seminary president, Crews was pastor of Magnolia Avenue Baptist Church in Riverside, Calif., for eight years and was a Golden Gate trustee when he was elected. He also is a member of the SBC Peace Committee, charged with seeking a resolution to the conflict within the denomination.

For the past 20 years, Crews has held pastorates in the West and also was editor of the Northwest Baptist Witness, newsjournal of the Northwest Baptist Convention. He was pastor of five churches in Texas for a total of 14 years. He is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Texas, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.



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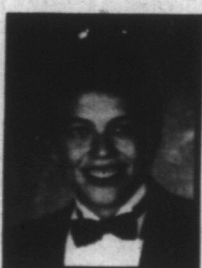
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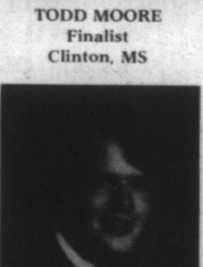
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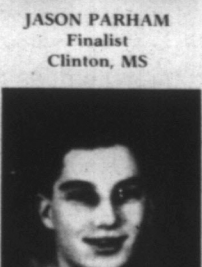
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## Changes in offing

# Public Affairs Committee members are proposed

NASHVILLE (BP) — The membership of a restructured Southern Baptist Convention Public Affairs Committee has been proposed by the 1987 SBC Committee on Boards.

The names of people who would serve on the restructured committee were released April 28 by T.C. Pinckney of Alexandria, Va., chairman of the 54-member committee that nominates people to serve on the boards of the 24 national entities of the SBC.

This year's Committee on Boards will prepare dual lists of people to serve on the Public Affairs Committee, the group that relates to the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, a religious liberty-separation of church and state organization composed of nine Baptist bodies in the United States and Canada.

One list will include people who would serve if messengers to the 1987 SBC annual meeting adopt a revision of Bylaw 18, which governs the appointment of standing committees of the SBC. The second list will name people who would serve if messengers reject the revision.

Pinckney told Baptist Press seven people are nominated to go on the PAC if the bylaw is adopted. He said the seven were selected by an eight-member subcommittee of the Committee on Boards from among 19 people nominated by the committee.

"The bylaw revision was adopted only a short time before we met, and members of the committee did not come prepared to nominate persons for the Public Affairs Committee," Pinckney said. "We discussed it, and the subcommittee was given the authority to select the seven members from among those who were nominated from the states."

### Alternate plan

If the bylaw revision is rejected, Pinckney said, the subcommittee will select three people from among the seven who will serve.

The BJCPA has been under fire in recent years from some Southern Baptists, and a motion was made during the 1986 annual meeting that would withdraw Southern Baptist support from the Joint Committee. A special committee has been studying the relationship between the BJCPA and the SBC during the year and has proposed a revision in Bylaw 18 which governs standing committees of the convention.

Under the bylaw as it is currently written, 15 people serve on the Public Affairs Committee, seven of whom are permanent members by virtue of office: the chief executive officers of the Executive Committee, Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board, Baptist Sunday School Board, Chris-

tian Life Commission, Brotherhood Commission, and Woman's Missionary Union. Two other agency executives also serve, currently those of the Annuity Board and New Orleans seminary.

Currently, the president of the SBC serves by virtue of office and the other five members are at-large posts. The at-large members and "general agency" representatives are eligible to serve only one four-year term.

If the revision is adopted by SBC messengers, membership on the PAC will be increased to 18. BJCPA directors in October of 1986 adopted a plan revising the way the nine Baptist bodies are represented which creates a 54-member board and grants the SBC 18 members. The plan specifies no member denomination may have more than one-third of the membership.

The SBC revision — which would become effective immediately if messengers adopt it — limits the number of agency executives who serve by virtue of office to five: the chief executives of the Executive Committee, Sunday School Board, Annuity Board, Home Mission Board, and Foreign Mission Board. The SBC president also retains a seat on the committee and the executive officer of the Christian Life Commission becomes a non-voting, ex-officio member.

The revision specifies there will be 12 at-large members who may serve two four-year terms. The new bylaw also specifies that "no fewer" than seven of the members shall be "church or denominationally related" and that "no fewer" than seven members be laypersons.

If the new bylaw is adopted, the membership will be:

The president of the Southern Baptist Convention, currently Adrian P. Rogers of Memphis, Tenn.; and the presidents of the Executive Committee (Harold C. Bennett); Foreign Mission Board (R. Keith Parks); Home Mission Board (Larry L. Lewis); Sunday School Board (Lloyd Elder); and Annuity Board (Darold H. Morgan) would be ex-officio members. N. Larry Baker, executive director of the Christian Life Commission, will be the non-voting ex-officio member.

New members to serve partial terms would be William L. Stone, pastor of First church, Litchfield Park, Ariz., to serve a term expiring in 1988, and Mrs. Dudley J. (Bonnie) Hughes, a former television talk show hostess and member of First church, Jackson, Miss., to serve a term expiring in 1989.

New members to serve terms expiring in 1990 would be Roy R. Gean Jr., an attorney and member of First church, Fort Smith, Ark.; Richard

Land, special assistant to the governor of Texas and member of First church, Dallas and Thomas E. Pratt Jr., pastor of Calvary church, Brighton, Colo.

A new member to serve a full term, expiring in 1991, would be Norris W. Sydnor Jr., pastor of Riverside church, Oxon Hill, Md. Les Csorba III, executive director of Accuracy in Academia and member of First church, Alexandria, Va., would fill the unexpired term — expire in 1988 — of Don Turner of Fort Worth, who resigned.

If adopted, two current members would be eligible for nomination to second terms. They are Samuel Currin, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina and member of Hayes-Barton church, Raleigh, N.C., and Albert Lee Smith, an insurance executive and member of First church, Birmingham.

Current members who would continue to serve would be J.I. Ginnings, an oilman and member of First church, Wichita Falls, Texas (term to expire in 1988); Bill Gunter, insurance commissioner for the state of Florida and member of First church, Tallahassee; and Landrum P. Leavell II, president of New Orleans Seminary, both of whose terms expire in 1989.

The committee also recommended that Currin continue as chairman of the expanded Public Affairs Committee.

If messengers decline the bylaw revision, the membership would be:

The SBC president and the chief executive officers of the Executive Committee, Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board, Sunday School Board, Brotherhood Commission, Woman's Missionary Union, and Christian Life Commission would continue as ex-officio members. The chief executives of the Annuity Board and New Orleans Seminary would remain as well.

Ginnings and Gunter would complete their terms and the Committee on Boards subcommittee would decide which of the persons would replace Currin, Smith and Turner and would name a new chairman in the event the revision is defeated.

## Off the Record

A woman lion tamer had the cats under such control that they took a lump of sugar from her lips on command. When a skeptic yelled "Anyone can do that!" the ringmaster came over and asked him, "Would you like to try it?"

"Certainly," said the man. "But first get those crazy lions out of there."

## Seminary trustees are nominated for posts

NASHVILLE (BP) — Trustees for the six Southern Baptist Convention-affiliated seminaries have been nominated by the SBC Committee on Boards.

The nominations, included in the 1987 report of the Committee on Boards released April 28 by Chairman T.C. Pinckney of Alexandria, Va., must be acted on by messengers to the 1987 annual meeting, scheduled June 16-18 in Cervantes Convention Center in St. Louis.

Under convention bylaws, seminary trustees serve five-year terms and are eligible to serve two terms.

SOUTHERN SEMINARY (63 members): 12 nominations considered; 4 new members, 8 renominations.

New members to replace people ineligible for renomination include Mark Coppenger, pastor of First church, El Dorado, Ark., replacing Emil Williams of Jonesboro; Robert R. Gilchrist, pastor of First church, Los Alamos, N.M., replacing John P. Preston of Farmington; and Gene Russell, pastor of Eisenhower Road church, San Antonio, Texas, replacing James M. Hancock of Canyon.

Nominated to a five-year term as a local member, replacing a person ineligible for renomination is P.A. Stevens, a fire protection contractor and member of Lyndon church, Louisville, Ky., replacing Leonard V. Hardin of Louisville.

Nominated for second terms are Jerry R. Day, Tucson, Ariz.; Jess C. Moody, Van Nuys, Calif.; Alton Butler, Pensacola, Fla.; Martha Layne Collins, Versailles, Ky.; R. Edward Walker, Miami, Okla.; and John Lee Taylor, Jackson, Tenn.

Nominated for a second term as a local member is Fred Pfannenschmidt, Louisville, Ky. Nominated for a second term as an at-large member is Robert D. Beddingfield, South Lyon, Mich.

SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY (37 members): 10 nominations considered; 6 new members, 4 renominations.

Nominated for five-year terms replacing people ineligible to be renominated include M. Grady Roan Jr., pastor of First church, Vidalia, Ga., replacing Robert Joe Potts of Columbus; Don E. Taylor, an insurance executive and member of Merriman Avenue church, Asheville, N.C., replacing W.J. Smith of Charlotte; and O. Damon Shook, pastor of Champion Forest church, Houston, Texas, replacing Ralph W. Pulley Jr. of Dallas.

Named to a term to expire in 1992 is Roger W. Freeman, pastor of First church, Gahanna, Ohio, replacing Phillip A. Jones of Columbus, who moved.

Named to fill unexpired terms — expiring in 1990 — are Lyle Seltmann, pastor of Cherryland church, Traverse City, Mich., replacing Truman B. Smith of Clio, who moved, and Pat Campbell, pastor of Ridgecrest church, St. Charles, Mo., replacing Rheubin L. South of Jefferson City, who died.

Nominated for second terms are Delmar G. Morris, Seymour, Ind., and Wallace B. Palmer, Leesville, La. Nominated for second terms as at-large members are John McKay, Fort Worth, Texas, and Bill G. Grubbs, Dallas.

NEW ORLEANS SEMINARY (37 members): 9 nominations considered; 6 new members, 3 renominations.

Nominated to five-year terms to replace people ineligible for second terms include Kenneth C. Kohl, an attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice and member of Capitol Hill Metropolitan church, Washington, D.C., replacing William E. Norman of Gaithersburg, Md.; Edward D. Johnson, pastor of First church, Ocala, Fla., replacing Joseph P. DuBose of Graceville, and

Marvin L. Cudd, pastor of First church, Huber Heights, Ohio, replacing Darrell Gabbard of Perrysburg.

Nominated to fill an unexpired term — expiring in 1990 — is Albert M. Burt, pastor of Baring Cross church, Flint, Mich., replacing David B. Ray of Pontiac, who moved.

New local member nominated for a five-year term to replace a person ineligible for renomination is Charles G. Rhinehart, a civil engineer and member of First church, Kenner, La., replacing Max McCabe Ainsworth of New Orleans.

New local member nominated for an unexpired term — to expire in 1988 — is Fred L. Lowery, pastor of First church, Bossier City, La., replacing Carl A. Hudson of Bunkie, who resigned.

Nominated for second terms are Richard T. Stiltner Jr., Hope, Ark.; Paul G. Moak, Jackson, Miss.; and Bill R. Shelton, Albuquerque, N.M.

SOUTHEASTERN SEMINARY (30 members): 7 nominations considered; 5 new members, 2 renominations.

Nominated to five-year terms to replace people ineligible for renomination include James W. Bryant, pastor of Grand Avenue church, Fort Smith, Ark., replacing William T. Flynt of Fayetteville; Walter R. Lonis, a retired policeman and member of South Wadsworth church, Denver, Colo., replacing O. Charles Horton of Orlando, Fla.; and Wesley A. Dans, director of capital improvements for an oil products company and member of Pinecroft church, Shreveport, La., replacing Arthur Achord of Houma.

Named to fill an unexpired term — expiring in 1991 — is Kenneth L. Stevens, pastor of Orchard Hills church, Novi, Mich., replacing David G. French of Warren, who resigned.

New local member named to a five-year term to replace a person ineligible for renomination is Cecil D. Rhodes Jr., a retired physician and member of First church, Wilson, N.C., replacing J.E. Collette of Winston-Salem.

Nominated for a second five-year term is Kenneth W. Bush, Eufrata, Ala.

Nominated for a second five-year term as a local member is Mrs. A. Harrison (Christine) Gregory, Danville, Va.

MIDWESTERN SEMINARY (35 members): 9 nominations considered; 4 new members, 5 renominations.

Nominated to five-year terms as local members to replace people ineligible for renomination are Stoney W. Shaw, pastor of Parkway church, St. Louis, Mo., replacing Clyde Cantley of Overland, and Richard L. Proctor, an attorney and municipal judge and member of Wynne church, Wynne, Ark., replacing Gerald L. Young of St. Joseph, Mo.

Nominated to fill an unexpired term — expiring in 1989 — is Lewis Adkins, pastor of Circle Drive church, Colorado Springs, Colo., replacing Mrs. Carolyn S. Snider of Pagosa Springs, who resigned.

Nominated to fill an unexpired term — ending in 1988 — as a local member is Allen R. Bartlett, pastor of First church, Fulton, Mo., replacing James A. McCullen of Manchester, who moved.

Nominated for second terms include T. David Simpson, Greenwood, Ind.; Graydon K. Kitchens Jr., Minden, La.; Lloyd G. Minter, Bartlesville, Okla.; Lester P. Branham Jr., Lake City, S.C.; and Jerry Davenport, Sheffield, Texas.

GOLDEN GATE SEMINARY (36 members): 9 nominations considered; 5 new members, 4 renominations.

Nominated to a five-year term to replace a person ineligible for renomination is Kenneth D. Hall, pastor of Maplewood church, Cahokia, Ill., replacing Dale R. Rowley of Vandalia.

Nominated to a five-year term is Stephen P. Davis, pastor of First church, Russellville, Ark., replacing Don Moore of Little Rock, who declined a second term.

Nominated to fill an unexpired term — expiring in 1988 — is David Sheppard, pastor of Hillcrest

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# Faces And Places

by anne washburn mcwilliams

## Delicious experience in Spain

What business you may ask, do I have always bringing up the subject of food? Good question. But most Baptists eat, do they not?

After six days of eating in Spain, I felt well rounded in the country's cuisine. At a relaxed pace, they eat meals of many courses in late morning, mid-afternoon, and late at night. With teatime for a pick-up about 5 or 6 p.m.

Joe and Lila Mefford (retired missionaries) and I met John Whitten and his wife, Ana, and small son, Carlos, for lunch at The Cave of the Robbers, on the ancient Plaza Mayor in old town Madrid. When I looked at the price list, I knew the reason for the restaurant's name! But it was worth the price — in historic lore, atmosphere, and quality of the food.

That's where I got my first taste of gazpacho soup. It's tomato soup, laced with vinegar, and served cold. The waiter, wearing a green velvet cap, and otherwise dressed somewhat as I imagine Robin Hood might have dressed, brought small bowls of chopped onion, cucumbers, green peppers, tomatoes, and bread crumbs and spooned my choices into the soup. It had a refreshing taste, but was a bit

like drinking a salad! The missionaries told me they like to drink it in the summer, for it "cools you off."

June McNeely, missionary in Madrid, who loaned me a bed where I could recover from jet lag, served chicken with rice and almonds for supper, along with green salad, English peas, and spice cake.

With Joe and Lila, I rode past rocky cliffs and mountains, past wheat fields, olive groves, and vineyards, into orange and lemon and almond groves that surround Denia on the Mediterranean. Briefly we left the road to glimpse Alarcon's castle. And we stopped for lunch in a roadside restaurant. Since it was a holiday in Spain, the place was deserted except for us and the owners. This time we chose steak and, according to one of their customs, shared a salad set in the middle of the table. It contained lettuce, onions, chunks of tuna, olives, and oil and vinegar. For dessert, Joe and I ordered ice cream. When I started to take a bite, the ice cream was so hard I thought they'd mistakenly given me an artificial display sample. Joe's was the same way, so he asked for knives. Neither spoons nor knives worked. Finally we

got the cream dislodged from the dishes and turned it out onto our plates. Around the edges, we managed to trim tiny slices. Ummmm, good. The owner explained that the ice cream had been in the "refrigerator."

Everything that Lila served at her house, at meal time or at tea time, was delicious, and always offered in an attractive way. She was a home economics major in college. And she's had lots of experience, as a missionary 33 years. They told me that Spain has as many tourists now as citizens. I expect she has cooked for many a tourist. I went to the modern supermarket with her, and also an old-fashioned fresh food market, which I liked much better. I've never seen larger, more healthy looking fruits and vegetables. Instead of filling a cart there, she bought each item from a different merchant. That night she prepared a combination of fresh spinach and potatoes that satiated my hunger in a most satisfying way.

One morning Joe cooked muffins for breakfast, and I ate three. I've never tasted better. These have been his specialty, he said, for thirty years. He shared the recipe, which he said was not original.

### Joe's fluffy muffins

1 cup milk  
1 beaten egg  
1/4 cup melted shortening  
2 cups flour, all-purpose  
3 tsp. baking powder  
3 tablespoons sugar  
1/2 teaspoon salt

Mix milk, egg, and shortening. Sift other ingredients together and mix with first mixture lightly. Do not beat. Pour batter into greased muffin pans, 2/3 full, and bake in hot oven (425 degrees F.) 20 to 25 minutes. Yield: 12 muffins.

Paella, I suppose, is Spain's most typical dish. We ordered it in a restaurant on the beach, along the road to Alicante. An east wind was sending Mediterranean whitecaps slashing into the sand. Small sails, blue and yellow and hot pink, looked like butterflies dancing on the turquoise water. The hot paella came in heaped up portions — yellow rice mixed with chicken and shrimp and squid and varied other seafoods. I liked it, except that I'm a bit squeamish about putting in my mouth something that looks like a baby octopus.

Last week I said I'd print Karen Quimby's recipe for zucchini bread. I never thought anything with zucchini in it could taste that well. Here it is. (It was given her by Gloria Murff, who along with her husband was in language study in Tours, France, to go as a missionary to Rwanda, Africa.)

### Karen's zucchini bread

4 cups coarsely shredded zucchini  
3 cups all-purpose flour  
2 1/2 cups sugar  
1 1/4 cups vegetable oil  
4 eggs, beaten  
1 Tbsp. plus 1 tsp. vanilla  
1 cup chopped nuts (optional)  
1 1/2 tsp. salt  
1 Tbsp. cinnamon  
1 1/2 tsp. baking soda  
1/2 tsp. baking powder

Set oven at 325 degrees F. Grease bottoms only of two loaf pans, 9 x 5 x 3. Blend all ingredients on low speed one minute, and one more minute at medium speed. Bake until toothpick comes out clean (50 min. to one hour). Can be frozen.

## Enrollment/training clinic tells church to plan growth

By Tim Nicholas

Members of North Greenwood Church in Greenwood had a group of guests crawling on the floor on their hands and knees.

But that was only a part of the job the guests came to the Delta church to accomplish. The five guests had come to lead an enrollment/training clinic designed to enlarge the church's Sunday School. They went to their knees to measure space, tables, and equipment, but they also looked at the building, lighting, hallways, checked paint colors, and acoustical folding walls.

The crawling around showed the intent of the visitors to determine the actual needs of the church concerning how to enlarge a Sunday School. Their recommendations included adding two new classes and two new departments.

Hugh Smith, associate pastor of the church says "We saw we were going to need 40 additional Sunday School workers. By the end of the week we had nearly half of those enlisted."

The recommendations were numerous and the implementation is already taking place. But, according to Pastor Bert Breland, the attitudes and atmosphere of the church will help it grow, too. Breland said one charter member (the church was a mission of First Church) said this

campaign was the most exciting thing she'd seen since the church began 32 years ago.

Basic knowledge of leadership and teaching skills increased. A total of 36 people earned 50 study course diplomas in various areas of leadership.

The campaign started six months before the five guests arrived. Pastor Breland enlisted the aid of his staff — Smith, and minister of music Bob Hatzfeld, and that of the Sunday School council. Smith, who had participated in growth clinics in Kentucky and in Northwest Mississippi, knew of their potential value to "put a seal on a growth mentality." This campaign was the first, though, in Mississippi — possibly in the SBC — to have such a program just within a local church. Most are associational or area wide.

Breland held three sessions with the church membership concerning growth. One related to being unselfish — letting go of favorite classrooms, for instance. And he provided the guest leaders with the names and addresses of Sunday-School leadership so they could write to build interest.

When the campaign actually began in March, 45 attended. By the end of the five day program, attendance had increased to 64.

The leaders were Chester Vaughn, general leader; his wife Evelyn, with children; Bill Gambrell, adults, Kathy James, youth; and Mamie Smith, preschool. Vaughn is program director of the Convention Board. Evelyn Vaughn is a curriculum writer for various SBC publications. Bill Gambrell is minister of education at First Church, Jackson. Kathy James is a freelance consultant from Lexington, Ky. And Mamie Smith is a member of Calvary Church, Yazoo City.

The actual campaign began on Saturday with the guests looking over the neighborhood. Saturday evening there was a fellowship meal with church leaders and a general session on growth. Sunday morning the guest clinicians observed the Sunday School and the church, looking at problem areas.

And Sunday afternoon they led in a People Search. Forty-four members visited 300 homes in just over an hour, discovering 76 legitimate prospects, says Breland. Also included in the program was work with the teachers, teaching how to utilize a lesson plan, teaching methods, and use of curriculum.

Immediately after the campaign, a visitors' table was set up for members to get prospect information and go out to visit in homes after the Wednesday

night fellowship service.

Other recommendations include development of a cradle roll, home delivery of curriculum, making smaller pupil-teacher ratios, and brightening up some hallways. The cost of the five days, Breland estimates, was about \$1,800, he feels it could be done in a church for as little as \$1,200, though.

That money, the church feels, was well spent. Chester Vaughn, who with Bill Gambrell, says the campaign owes its success to the church staff, notes, "They have enough to keep them busy for two years."

### FCC hits porn

NASHVILLE (BP) — Recent action by the Federal Communications Commission to crack down on "shock radio" announcers who use indecent or obscene language on the air may be a breakthrough for anti-pornography forces.

The FCC has asked the Justice Department to investigate a radio station for possible prosecution for broadcasting material containing graphic depictions of sex acts. The commission said the broadcast was indecent "and may have crossed the line" to obscenity.

## Missions prof will lead growth center

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — A professor of missions and world religions in Texas is accepting a new challenge — directing the new Institute of World Missions, Evangelism and Church Growth in Ruschlikon, Switzerland.

Earl Martin, a 26-year veteran of missions in East Africa who has taught at Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, since 1982, is expected to be reappointed as a Southern Baptist missionary May 19 here.

He is scheduled to assume his duties at the institute in September. The institute's initial programs should begin in early 1988, said Isam Ballenger, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board vice president for Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa.

"There's a great deal of optimism toward this new work," Ballenger said.

The institute will offer evangelistic training to pastors and laypeople from Western and Eastern Europe. Programs also may be designed in cooperation with the directors of European foreign missions agencies.

Martin and his wife, Jane, were missionaries in East Africa from 1956 to 1982. They worked in Kenya, Tanzania, and Rwanda.

In Tanzania, they and another missionary couple launched Baptist Seminary of East Africa in Arusha in 1962. They taught there 12 years.



## Gulfshore slots are still available

There is still space available in the Gulfshore Baptist Assembly conferences listed below and time to register for any one of them:

May 18-20, II Senior Adult; May 21-23, III Senior Adult; May 25-29, I Youth; May 29-June 2, II Youth; June 25-27, Church Training Leadership; June 29-July 3, Family Enrichment;

July 6-8, Church Administration-Pastoral Ministries; July 9-13, I Youth Music; July 13-17, II Youth Music; July 23-25, Music Leadership;

July 27-29, I Sunday School Leadership; July 30-Aug. 1, II Sunday School Leadership;

Aug. 3-5, III Sunday School Leadership; Aug. 6-8, IV Sunday School Leadership; Aug. 13-17, IX Youth; Aug. 18-22, IV Senior Adult.

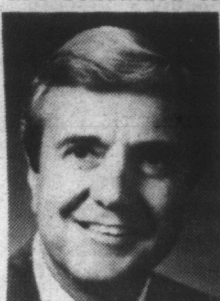
For reservations contact: Frank Simmons, manager; Gulfshore Baptist Assembly; Henderson Point; Pass Christian, MS 39571; Telephone: (601) 452-7261.

## Pollard will speak at seminary commencement

The 44th commencement exercises of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary are scheduled for May 23, at the

Mount Nebo Baptist Church, 1245 Tunica Street, Jackson at 10 a.m.

Frank Pollard, pastor of First Church, Jackson will deliver the commencement address.



Pollard

Thirty-four persons will receive academic awards during the event. Twenty-five will be given the certificates in biblical studies, four certificates in Christian

education, and five persons will be awarded the bachelor of theology.

Nine (9) of the 25 Extension Centers of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary will send graduating students from Tupelo, Kosciusko, Vicksburg, Canton, Prentiss, Columbia, Hattiesburg, Natchez, Louisville, and Jackson.

The Mississippi Baptist Seminary is a cooperative joint venture of National and Southern Baptists. It is owned and operated by trustees elected by the two denominations in Mississippi. Richard A. Brogan is president and Hickman M. Johnson is dean of academic affairs.

## Names in the News



Chris Aldridge (left) was licensed to the gospel ministry by First Church, Verona, on April 26. Also pictured is David E. Hamilton, (right) pastor, First Church, Verona.

Three William Carey College professors recently were named to lead state educational organizations. Beth Richmond, associate professor of curriculum and instruction, has been elected president-elect of the Mississippi Private Colleges of Education Association. Walter Butler, dean of the school of education, was named to the board of directors of the same association. Frances Smith, assistant professor of education, has been elected secretary/treasurer of the State Association of Teacher Educators.



Hyche

missionary to Pubelo, Colorado. Sam Simpson, pastor.

Cato, Church, Mendenhall, will honor Celtie Hyche, Sunday, May 31, 1987 during the morning worship service and a reception that afternoon from 2 to 4 p.m. Celtie will be serving as summer

Shiloh, (Winston): June 7-10; Danny Lanier, Little Rock, guest speaker; Steve Moore, pastor.

### A Word To The Wise

A slander is a guy who says things behind your back he wouldn't say to your face.

A flatter is a guy who says things to your face he wouldn't say behind your back. — Baptist New Mexican

## Just for the Record



Sylvarena Church, Raleigh, held a ground breaking service, April 12. Leading the service was the pastor, Robert Jackson. Billy Ballard, director of missions, Smith Association; and D. D. Satterwhite, (retired) Bay Springs pastor, also participated.

The church is relocating all facilities to a new site on Highway 18 West. The new sanctuary and educational building is being erected by Brogdon Construction Company, Laurel. Anticipated completion date is November 1, 1987.

Pictured, left to right, front row, are J. W. Sullivan, Jr., deacon; Joe Houston, chairman capital fund committee; Robert Jackson, pastor; Kenneth James, chairman building committee; Elmo Burge, chairman of trustees; and Jones Brogdon, contractor.

Second row, are members of building and capital funds committees, Janice Sullivan, Charles Waldrup, Mack Sullivan, Johnnie Duckworth, Mildred Houston, and Paul Brown.

"Weigh to lose," a four-week weight control session conducted by a clinical dietitian, is being offered at Mississippi Baptist Medical Center on Thursdays, beginning June 4, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. To register or to receive more information, call 968-1747.

First Church, Flowood, is sponsoring a golf tournament, May 30, at the Robin Hood Lake course, Brandon. Entrance fee is \$25. There will be four man teams. For information contact Gary Rhoads, 932-5400; or Billy Crowe, 939-4266. Proceeds go to the church's summer youth program.

Bond Church, Bond, will have open house and dedication of its new pastorium, May 24, 1:30 p.m. John Wade, pastor, has returned to the pulpit on a limited basis after by-pass surgery.



The Baptist Student Union at Jones County Junior College has as its theme for this year "REACH OUT." In January, February, and March the BSU had 30 programs in seven of the eight counties that make up the Jones Junior College district. These programs "REACHED OUT" to 2,370 lives.

In April the group "REACHED OUT" to eight children in the local county school. This project was called

"Dress the Children for Easter." Students at the BSU had to raise the \$800 for this mission project.

The program agenda for "Dress the Children for Easter" was begun with an egg hunt, followed by puppet show, then came a devotion on the real meaning of Easter. After this they were treated to cake and ice cream. Then each child was presented gifts of clothing and an Easter basket totaling \$100 for each child.



Unity Church, Magnolia, held a recognition service, Feb. 23, with the theme "Friends Are Friends Forever." All three girls received queen level.

Pictured, left to right are Regina Bankston, Marty Harrington, Shirley Howell (leader), and Melissa Bankston.

### Senior Adult Corner

The Senior Adults of Covington-Jeff Davis Association held their spring meeting April 23 at the associational building with seven churches represented and 30 members present.

Plans were discussed for the trip to Fort Worth for the Senior Adult Convention and also for a trip to Nashville in August. A program of humorous monologue was given by Tom Mercier, Rev. Kenneth Stringer, and Maggie Mahaffey.

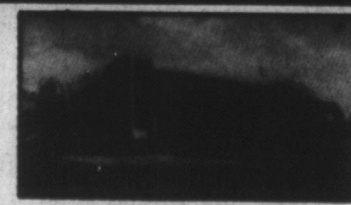
Following a covered dish luncheon, the group toured the associational building.

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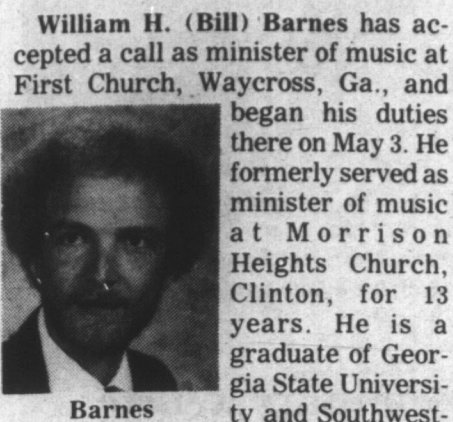
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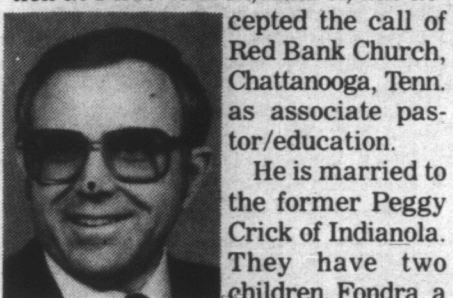
# Staff Changes



**Barnes**  
William H. (Bill) Barnes has accepted a call as minister of music at First Church, Waycross, Ga., and began his duties there on May 3. He formerly served as minister of music at Morrison Heights Church, Clinton, for 13 years. He is a graduate of Georgia State University and Southwest

ern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. He and his wife, Sara, have three children, Trey, Matt, and Ashleigh. Jimmy Dale McDill has accepted the call as pastor of Hopewell church in Newton County. McDill and his family moved on the church field April 17.

Bert Jones, a native of Merigold, and former associate pastor/education at First Church, Laurel, has accepted the call of Red Bank Church, Chattanooga, Tenn. as associate pastor/education.



**Jones**  
He is married to the former Peggy Crick of Indianola. They have two children, Fondra, a teacher in Browns-ville, Tenn. and is to be married July 18. Birch is a junior in high school.

Dry Creek Church, Florence, has called Jerry Glass as interim pastor. He has formerly served the church before going to the Home Mission field. He served as associate pastor, in Denver, Colo. for several years. He, his wife, Lynda, and son, Brian, live at Star.

Jamie Stewart resigned his position as director of music at Zion Hill Church, Liberty, April 26. This summer he will go to Gadsden, Ala. where he will work as a summer missionary. This fall he will begin his studies at Mississippi College. Woody D. Rimes is pastor.

David Abbott has been called as pastor of Union Seminary Church, Laurel. He and his family, originally from Mobile, Ala., have been on the church field since April 1. Abbott is a graduate of Mobile College and New Orleans Seminary.

H. Gregg Thomas is the new pastor of Fredonia Church, New Albany. He moves there from the pastorate of First Church, Tutwiler. He and his wife, Lisa, are natives of Tupelo. Thomas is a graduate of Blue Mountain College and earned the master of divinity degree from Luther Rice Seminary. Previous pastorates include Peoples Church, Ripley, and Chesterville Church, Tupelo. He has also served as interim BSU director at Itawamba Junior College.

Springhill Church (Copiah) has called James A. Hurt (a native of Louisville) as pastor. He retired in 1983 as pastor of Immanuel Church in Cleveland after 25 years as pastor. His most recent service was as associate pastor of Broadmoor Church, Jackson, 1983-1986.

He and his wife, the former Delle Perreault, have four sons, all graduates of Mississippi College. Their youngest son Judson Williams is a student at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

## Help needed to work in Chile, S.A.

Seven volunteers are needed to work with MKs during the mission meeting in Chile, South America. This meeting is scheduled for July 9-24, 1987. Volunteers will be responsible for their travel to and from the field, approximately \$795 from Miami, Fla. to Santiago, Chile. Round trip airfare from Mississippi to Miami will be additional.

If you are interested, please contact Monica Keathley at 968-3800 ext. 3921, as soon as possible.

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## State Boulevard Church, Meridian will celebrate 35th anniversary

State Boulevard Church, Meridian, will celebrate its 35th anniversary on May 31. Two former pastors of the church, W. H. Henderson and W. A. Robinson, will bring messages in the morning service.

Roy Blackmon and Max Burris, both former ministers of music at State Boulevard, will lead the singing, Blackmon in the morning service and Burris in the afternoon. Buddy McElroy is the present minister of music.

The church's senior adult choir will give a concert in the afternoon. Lunch will be served at the church.

On May 20, 1951, the lot on the corner of State Boulevard and 23rd Street was dedicated for the purpose of building a new Baptist church. The ceremony was the first outward sign of progress in efforts of Lauderdale County Association to establish a church in this area.

The first public meeting held in the interest of the organization of the church was called at the Jones Memorial Presbyterian Church on May 27, 1951. On June 12, 1951, the first prayer service was held in the base-

ment of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy McAllister by invitation, and a group of 37 shared in the meeting. On July 31, 1951, a Sunday School was organized.

A small building was placed on the back of the church lot. The men of the church drove the last nails at midnight May 24, 1952, and on Sunday morning, May 25, the church was organized with 54 people. The name "State Boulevard Baptist Church" was chosen. This day was the beginning of a two-week revival led by W. H. Henderson. Thirty-four additions brought the membership to 88. These were considered the charter members. November 24, 1952 the work began on a new building which had a seating capacity of 300 with equal education space.

A Family Life Center has been added and the sanctuary has been remodeled three times. Only three pastors have served in the 35 years. They are W. H. Henderson, W. A. Robinson, and W. F. Evans. The church has 1,050 members. The value of the church property is \$1,300,000.

## Homecomings

Woodhaven, Ocean Springs: May 31; Curtis Miller, former pastor, morning message; followed by note burning ceremony led by Tracy Martin, pastor; covered dish served in fellowship hall; special music in evening service.

Friendship, Brookhaven: May 31; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; worship service, 11 a.m.; old-fashioned dinner on the grounds at noon; Raymond Parker, Woodville, Tex., guest speaker; Harold Luther Smith, music director, Friendship, in charge of music; Wiley Reid, pastor; all contributions made on that day will go to the church cemetery fund.

First, Lambert: May 24; Wayne Long, pastor, Pearson, Pearl, speaker; Jimmy Smith, Ruleville, music director; Chris Caffey, pianist; Martha Lee Hinton, organist; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; lunch served on church grounds at noon; Courtney Selvy, pastor; Clyde Schiele, associate pastor.

Concord, (Franklin): May 24; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; morning worship, 11 a.m.; Wiley Reid, speaker for morning service; dinner on the grounds to follow; afternoon service, 1:15 p.m., special music and business of the cemetery.

Goodhope, (Perry): May 31; message by Francis Holder, former pastor; dinner on the grounds; afternoon singing by the Bibletones; no night service; David MacIsaac, pastor.

Roundaway (Sunflower): May 24; 11 a.m., message by former pastor (1949-'52) John N. Lee; lunch served at church; memorial service, 1:30 p.m. and Walker Family Singers; Max Holleyman, pastor.

Wayside, Scobey: Memorial Day services, May 24; services, 11 a.m., lunch at noon, and singing in the afternoon; Earl Waldrop, former pastor from January, 1941 to May, 1943, and retired from the Sunday School Board, Southern Baptist Convention with 22 years service.

Duffee, (Newton): May 31; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; worship service, 11 a.m.; Kenneth Rhodes, former member, message; dinner in fellowship hall, noon, followed by singing in the afternoon by the Magnolia Boys from Laurel; James Stephens, pastor.

Antioch, (Lawrence): May 24; worship service, 11 a.m.; speaker, former pastor Burt E. Lewis; dinner at the church; afternoon service, 1:30 with singing, and offering for cemetery; John D. Hedgepeth, pastor.

Beulah, Inverness: June 28; dinner served; afternoon service, Deep South Boys; guest singers.

Buchanan (Pontotoc): June 7; services, 10:30 a.m. with morning worship and singing in the afternoon; lunch served at noon; Stark Aldridge, pastor.

Shiloh, (Winston): June 7; old-fashioned dinner on the grounds; Steve Moore, pastor; Danny Lanier, speaker.

Pine Forest, Collinsville: May 24; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; homecoming service, 11 a.m., dinner in family life center to follow; Danny Lanier, staff evangelist/associate pastor, speaker; Harold Lollar Sr., pastor.

Mt. Pisgah (Rankin): May 31; 11 a.m., morning service, lunch and fellowship to follow.

Arlington, (Lincoln): May 31; Robert (Bob) Wilson, former pastor for 12 years, now pastor, Berclair Church, Memphis, Tenn., guest preacher for morning worship service; afternoon program of music by Deacon's Quartet of Monticello; lunch served at noon; Kent Campbell, pastor.

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# Mississippi College honors longtimers

CLINTON — Mississippi College honored its longtime employees with the first annual Faculty/Staff Recognition Day in Nelson Auditorium. Four individuals had 31 or more years of service to the college.

Recognized for having the longest tenure of service was Sam Gore, professor and head of the Department of Art. Gore joined the college family in 1952 and has 35 years of continuous employment.

Nellie Ford Smith, associate librarian, was honored for 33 years of service, while Beatrice Patton of the janitorial staff and Ralph Taylor, associate professor of music, were both recognized for 31 years of employment.

These four were each presented with a \$500 savings bond and received a specially-designed service pin. The pin can be used as a clutch pin or tie tac and carries a raised impression of Provine Chapel.

Twenty-eight college employees were recognized for 20-29 years of employment at the institution and were presented with the gold-filled pin. There were 36 individuals honored for service ranging from 15-19 years and they were presented with a special certificate signed by Lewis Nobles, college president, and Harry Vickery of Greenville, president of the college's trustees.

Honored with service pins for 20-29 years of service were: 29 years — Joe Cooper, professor of philosophy and religion; Charles Martin, vice-president for academic affairs;

28 years — Dorothy Cornelius, maintenance/janitorial staff; Sam Hall, supervisor, campus and grounds;

27 years — Ralph Carroll, assistant professor of music; Gerald Claxton, assistant professor of music, J. B. Howell, librarian;

26 years — Hazle Anthony, administrative assistant for personnel; Neal Brashier, administrative assistant to the president; Norman H. Gough, director of public relations; Carl Howorth, manager of the Trading Post; Van Quick, vice president for student personnel;

25 years — John Blair, professor of education; Gale Keith, assistant professor of psychology; John Legg, professor and head of chemistry;

24 years — Billy Ray Hicks, associate professor of history and political science; Sarah Spencer, comptroller;

23 years — Hilda Laird, secretary, music department; Patricia Walston, assistant professor of music; Walter Williams, maintenance and grounds;

22 years — Billy D. Lytal, professor and head of the department of communication; Billy Trotter, assistant professor of music;

21 years — Bernard B. Blackwell, director of alumni affairs; Linuel Jayroe, associate professor of education;

20 years — Charles Bolton, maintenance, grounds; James Burnside, professor and head department of math

and computing science; Alice Spann, maintenance, janitorial; John L. Stewart, maintenance, janitorial foreman.

Receiving a certificate of service for 15-19 years of service were: Bonnie Anders, secretary, school of education; Mary Joe Cocroft, order librarian; Danny Howell, associate professor of English; Lewis Nobles, president; Prentiss Cox, professor and head of the biology department; Mary C. Gentry, assistant professor of communication; Louise Griffith, associate dean of students; Johnnie Ruth Hudson, vice-president for external affairs; Bernice Kyles, maintenance; Dean Parks, professor of chemistry; Louis Walsh, assistant professor of art; William T. West, supervisor, building maintenance; Craig Whitlock, professor of physics; Erma Wilson, maintenance/janitorial; Myrtle Curtis, mailroom supervisor; Anita Gowin, associate professor and head of the department of foreign languages; Roger Hamilton, maintenance, grounds foreman; Shelton Hand, professor of law; Joel Hudson, assistant professor in physical education; Gerald Lee, professor and dean of the school of business; James Sclater, professor of music; Louise Hudson, executive assistant in public relations; Nan Sibley, registrar; Rachel Smith, catalog librarian; Jean Hawkins, purchasing agent; Frank Hood, associate professor of business; Jacquelyn Jones, assistant professor of accounting; Masie McGraw, maintenance/janitorial; Terry McMillan, instructor in physical education; Dewey McNiece, professor of business; Bennie Palmer, maintenance; Ida Mae Spann, maintenance/janitorial; Betty Jean Spann, maintenance/janitorial; Fannie Mae Spann, maintenance/janitorial; Robert E. Wall, director of church relations; and John M. Williams, athletic director.

## Methodists approve boycott of Holiday Inns, due to porn relationships

TUPELO, MS — The Board of Bishops of the Free Methodist Church has approved a boycott of Holiday Inns showing in-room pornographic movies and have encouraged all members of the Free Methodist Church to also boycott the motels.

According to Bishop Clyde Van Valin, Chairman of the General Council for the Church in Mission, the bishops and executives of the Free Methodist Church "will no longer be patronizing Holiday Inns. We are encouraging our people from coast to coast to do the same." Bishop Van Valin notified Michael Rose, chairman of Holiday Corporation, that "as soon as these movies are removed, we will be pleased to resume our patronage" of Holiday Inns.

According to the National Federa-

tion for Decency, other denominations are also asking for their members to boycott Holiday Inns until the porn movies are discontinued. The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention in California had earlier endorsed the boycott. In addition, James Dobson, head of Focus on the Family, endorsed the boycott in the May issue of his magazine which has a circulation of approximately 1,000,000.

According to the NFD, Holiday Inns is the largest distributor of in-room pornographic movies in America. Wildmon said that all corporately owned Holiday Inns carry the porn movies. He said some Holiday Inns have attempted to withdraw the movies, but have been threatened with a lawsuit if they do so.

## Educators to focus on relationships

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First Baptist Church of Sylvania, Ga., and First Baptist Church of Nashville.

"These will help us see how members of these staffs, one urban and the other primarily rural, relate to one another and how they have bridged changes in leadership," Householder said.

Registration for the annual meeting is free to SBREA members.

Registration for the premeeting seminar featuring Oates is \$25 for members and \$50 for non-members. Reservations for a banquet Monday evening, June 15, are \$18.50 per person.

Preregistration for all events is necessary, Householder said. To register, make checks payable to SBREA and write to SBREA, 8218 Alamo Rd., Brentwood, Tenn. 37027.



These three individuals represent 99 years of service to Mississippi College. They were honored with a service pin and a \$500 savings bond during the first annual Faculty/Staff Recognition Day held recently on campus. From the left are Beatrice Patton, 31 years; Sam Gore, 35 years; and Nellie Ford Smith, 33 years. Ralph Taylor, 31 years, was unable to attend.



Honored with service pins for their longevity as administrative staff members of Mississippi College were these four ladies. From the left are Mrs. Neal Brashier, 26 years; Mrs. Hilda Laird, 23 years; Mrs. Hazle Anthony, 26 years; and Mrs. Sarah Nell Spencer, 24 years.



One of the strengths of Mississippi College through its 161 years as an educational institution has been the ability to attract and keep quality faculty members. This group was honored recently on campus for a total of 270 years of combined teaching service. Seated, from the left, are Mrs. Gayle Keith, 25 years; Joe Cooper, 29 years; and Patricia Walston, 23 years. Standing, from the left, are Gerald Claxton, 27 years; Ralph Carroll, 27 years; Bill Lytal, 22 years; Billy Trotter, 22 years; John Blair, 25 years; Linuel Jayroe, 21 years; John Legg, 25 years; and Billy Hicks, 24 years.



Mississippi College honored its longtime employees recently at the first annual Faculty/Staff Recognition Day. These six members of the administrative staff were presented with service pins and combined represent 154 years of service to the institution. Seated are Bernard Blackwell (left), 21 years; and Norman H. Gough, 26 years. Standing, from the left, are Sam Hall, 28 years; Carl Howorth, 26 years; J. B. Howell, 27 years; and Van D. Quick, 26 years. Not pictured is Charles Martin, 29 years.

## Seminary trustees

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church, Carlisle, Ohio, replacing Lawrence H. Langford of Cincinnati, who resigned.

Nominated to fill an unexpired term — expiring in 1988 — as an at-large member is Marvin E. Burford, branch manager for an appliance manufacturer and member of Hall Boulevard church, Tigard, Ore., replacing Clinton M. Ashley of Pullman, who resigned to become president of the new Canadian Baptist Theological Seminary.

Nominated to fill an unexpired term — expiring in 1992 — as an at-large member is Robert L. Zinn, pastor of Immanuel church, San Bernardino, Calif., replacing William O. Crews of Riverside, who resigned to become president of Golden Gate seminary.

Nominated to second terms are W. Carl Petty, Flushing, Mich.; Robert C. Harris, Del City, Okla.; and John R. Lincoln, Columbia, S.C. Nominated to a second term as an at-large member is Cecil J. Pearson, Fresno, Calif.

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# Commission and committee nominee list released

**NASHVILLE (BP)** — Nominations for trustees to serve the commissions and committees of the Southern Baptist Convention have been released by the 1987 SBC Committee on Boards.

**SOUTHERN BAPTIST FOUNDATION** (35 members): 8 nominations considered; 7 new members, one renomination.

New agency representatives to represent the Home Mission Board, Southwestern seminary, Southeastern seminary, the American Seminary Commission, and the Stewardship Commission will be named by the Committee on Boards subcommittee in St. Louis.

New at-large members include Gorman J. Roberts, senior vice president of a trust company and member of Crescent Hill church, Louisville, Ky., replacing W.H. Coles Jr., of Nashville, who resigned; and John O. Ellis, retired banker and member of First church, Nashville, replacing Stanley M. Smith of Nashville, who declined a second term.

Nominated to a second term is Lloyd G. Minter, Bartlesville, Okla., representing Midwestern seminary.

**AMERICAN SEMINARY COMMISSION** (16 members): 4 nominations considered; 2 new members, 2 renominations.

Nominated to a four-year term is C. Richard Dendler, real estate company office manager and member of Hall Street church, Owensboro, Ky., replacing Ralph F. Carter of Statesville, N.C., who declined a second term.

Nominated to replace a person ineligible for renomination as a local member is O. William Long, senior vice president of a bank and member of Crivewood church, Nashville, replacing Hoffman C. Harless of Nashville.

Appointed to second terms are J. Thomas Randall, Union Springs, Ala., and Rochelle Davis Jr., Detroit, Mich.

**EDUCATION COMMISSION** (21 members): 5 nominations considered; 3 new members, 2 renominations.

Nominated to replace people ineligible for renomination include Paul J. Rea, a retired educator and member of Royal Palms church, Phoenix, Ariz., replacing Jerry N. Purkale of Showlow; Van D. Quick, vice president of Mississippi College and member of First church, Clinton, Miss., replacing J. Ralph Noonkester of Hattiesburg, president of William Carey College; and Fred A. Holt, pastor of Catherine Lake church, Richlands, N.C., replacing Dwane R. Campbell of Charlotte.

Nominated to a second term is James H. Roach Sr., Shreveport, La.

Nominated to a second term as an at-large member is W.H. Hinton, Houston.

**BROTHERHOOD COMMISSION** (37 members): 12 nominations considered; 6 new members, 6 renominations.

New members replacing people ineligible for renominations include James Michael Melloan, a realtor and auctioneer and member of Yellow Creek church, Owensboro, Ky., replacing G.T. Cowan Jr. of Winchester; Robert E. Hill, pastor of Calvary church, Cleveland, Miss., replacing Norris L. Stampley of Jackson; and Joseph S. Lennon, a retired hospital administrator and member of Warrenton church, Warrenton, N.C., replacing Donald E. Greene of Hickory.

New at-large member replacing a person ineligible for renomination is Thomas H. Knotts, director of associational missions and member of First church, Belvedere, S.C., replacing Joel Waddell of Summerville.

Nominated to a term to expire in 1989 is Kenneth L. King, director of associational missions and member of First church, New Braunfels, Texas, replacing Cecil O. Sewell Jr. of Sugarland, who moved. Nominated to a term to expire in 1990 is Rick M. Frazier, pastor of Altizer church, Huntington, W.Va., replacing Harry Clifton Davis of Princeton, who resigned.

Nominated for second terms are Billy E. Summerlin, Gadsden, Ala.; Roscoe Orten Jr., Washington, Ill.; Leslie D. Albright, Jeffersonville, Ind.; and Robert E. Gaultney, Reynoldsburg, Ohio.

Nominated for second terms as at-large members are Miles L. Seaborn Jr., Fort Worth, Texas, and Charles C. Lowery, Dublin, Ga.

**CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION** (31 members): 9 nominations considered; 5 new members, 4 renominations.

New members replacing people ineligible for renomination include Curt Scarborough, executive director of the Christian Civic Foundation of

Missouri and member of First church, Ferguson, replacing Edwin E. Peebles of Kansas City; Carl Ben Mitchell, pastor of Middle Valley church, Hixson, Tenn., replacing David C. George of Nashville; and Mrs. Don (Skeet) Workman, a homemaker and member of Calvary church, Lubbock, Texas, replacing Jarrell McCracken of Waco.

New at-large member replacing a person ineligible for renomination is Mrs. Orman W. (Marilyn) Simmons, a homemaker and member of First church, Little Rock, Ark., replacing Mrs. Robert M. (Pat) Ayers of San Antonio, Texas.

Nominated to fill an unexpired term — to expire in 1988 — is Earnest J. Cook, pastor of Starlight Park church, Phoenix, Ariz., replacing James E. Harvey of Glendale, who moved.

Nominated to second terms are Rudolph C. Yakym Jr., Mishawaka, Ind.; Coy C. Privette, Kanapolis, N.C.; C. Nolan Phillips, Middletown, Ohio; and Mrs. Alma Ruth Morgan, Bartlesville, Okla.

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION** (33 members, being reduced to 32): 11 nominations considered; 6 new members; 4 renominations, 1 not replaced.

New members replacing people ineligible for renomination include Mrs. Sophronia Ann Robbins, a pastor's secretary and member of Forest Park church, Farmington Hills, Mich., replacing Mrs. John Chester of Livonia; Dale E. Lawson, pastor of Mulberry church, Charlotte, N.C., replacing Marion D. Lark of Henderson;

William E. Bell Jr., dean of the school of religion and philosophy at Dallas Baptist University and member of First church, Euless, Texas, replacing Leon McBeth of Fort Worth; and Mrs. W.T. (Anne R.) Davis, owner of a tour guide company and member of Bethel church, Tabb, Va., replacing William L. Lumpkin of Norfolk.

Nominated to a full term is Theodore D. Wilson, an attorney and member of Eastern Heights church, Indianapolis, Ind., replacing Hollie S. Miller of Brownsburg, who declined appointment to a second term.

Nominated to fill an unexpired term — expiring in 1989 — is Slayden Yarbrough, associate professor of religion at Oklahoma Baptist University and member of First church, Shawnee, replacing Richard T. McCartney of Oklahoma City, who moved.

Nominated to second terms are John V. Platt, Lancaster, S.C., and Fred S. Rolater, Murfreesboro, Tenn. Nominated to second terms as local members are William E. Rudolph and Joseph H. Hamilton, both of Nashville.

Bernes K. Selph, Benton, Ark., rotates off the board and is not being replaced.

**RADIO-TELEVISION COMMISSION** (27 members): 9 nominations; 7 new members, 2 renominations.

New members replacing people ineligible for renomination include Thomas Blackwell, a broadcaster and member of Central church, Inglewood, Calif., replacing W. Duane Barrett of Fresno; James Raymond Hawthorne, sales and marketing executive and member of First Southern church, Evansville, Ind., replacing Gary W. Jossa of Newburgh; and E.L. Helton Jr., an electronic technicians manager and member of Highland church, Grove City, Ohio, replacing Walter D. Garrett of Dent.

Nominated to full terms to replace people who declined to accept a second term are August C. Peters, pastor of Hillsdale church, Hillsdale, Mich., replacing James L. Hatfield Jr., of Flint; and Mrs. Sara Diaz Warren, owner of a television station and member of Coronado church, El Paso, Texas, replacing Fred E. Roach of Dallas.

Nominated to fill an unexpired term — to expire in 1989 — is Neil G. Arveschoug, a broadcaster and member of Pines church, Spokane, Wash., replacing Richard L. (Danny) Cochrane of Renton, who died.

Nominated to fill an unexpired term — to expire in 1990 — is James M. Castleberry, pastor of Ridgecrest church, Birmingham, Ala., replacing Wallace Henley of Birmingham, who moved.

Nominated to second terms are Jewel R. Morris, Hot Springs, Ark., and James C. Sims Jr., Washington, D.C.

**STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION** (27 members): 9 nominations considered; 5 new members, 4 renominations.

New members replacing people ineligible for renomination include Harry E. Litton Sr., a property manager and member of First Southern church, Tucson, replacing Lowell B. Parker of Phoenix, and Gary D. Collins, a certified public accountant and member of First church, Jefferson City, Mo., replacing Billy T. Hargrove of Jefferson City.

Three positions will be filled when the subcommittee meets in St. Louis.

They are for replacements for Harold T. Kitchings of Clinton, Miss., who died; Glenn A. Brown of Oklahoma City, who resigned; and R.V. Haygood of Brownsburg, Ind., who resigned.

Nominated for second terms are Jack J. Eassa, West Palm Beach, Fla.; Levi A. Parish Jr., Burton, Mich.; John D. Wallace, Morristown, Tenn.; and S.E. Hathaway III, Buckhannon, W. Va.

**COMMITTEE ON ORDER OF BUSINESS** (6 members): 2 nominations considered, 2 new members.

New members replacing people ineligible for renomination are Dwight (Ike) Reighard, pastor of New Hope church, Fayetteville, Ga., replacing Stan Coffey of Amarillo, Texas, and Clayton D. Spriggs, associate pastor and business administrator of San Jacinto church, Amarillo, Texas, replacing Jay Strack of Fort Myers, Fla. The committee also nominated Thomas D. Elliff, pastor of First Southern church, Del City, Okla., as chairman.

**DENOMINATIONAL CALENDAR COMMITTEE** (6 members): 2 nominations considered, 2 new members.

New members to replace people ineligible for renomination are Leon B. Hataway, pastor of Central church, Clifton, Colo., replacing Fred Powell of Atlanta, and Harold Finch, a businessman and member of Emmanuel church, Overland Park, Kan., replacing James C. Waits of Laurel, Miss.

The committee nominated James A. Greene Jr., pastor of First church, Jal, N.M., as chairman. **BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE** (11 Southern Baptist representatives): 1 nomination considered, 1 new member.

Bailey E. Smith, an evangelist and member of First Southern church, Del City, Okla., was nominated to fill the unexpired term — to expire in 1990 — of Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, Miss., who died.

**NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP** (15 Southern Baptist representatives): 1 nomination considered.

The subcommittee will name a replacement to fill the unexpired term — to expire in 1990 — of Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, Miss., who died.

## BJCPA

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Affairs Committee "to work through appropriate channels within the BJCPA to pursue the most effective participation of other Baptist bodies."

— The BJCPA "has assisted Southern Baptists in some ways" such as supporting passage of the Equal Access legislation, protecting foreign mission interests, working on tax reform and minister's retirement programs and "providing information, education, research, counsel and advocacy to Southern Baptists on an individual, church, association, state and national level."

— There are some things which have "created concern" among some Southern Baptists, including conducting conferences which are perceived to lack balance, making statements which are understood as personal attacks against individuals, making statements of personal opinion which have been interpreted as being the position of the BJCPA, and Executive Director Dunn's (former) association with People for the American Way.

— There is need for the BJCPA to seek increased financial support from some member bodies.

— There is need for churches, associations and state conventions to inform Southern Baptists about religious liberty issues through the Baptist Joint Committee.

## Missions directors study how to assist churches

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to the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting, also in St. Louis, Duck said.

A key feature of the conference will be "The DOM's Sharing," six presentations by directors of missions who will describe specific facets of their work.

The subjects and presenters will be "Building Fellowship in the Association," Jim Joslin, Green County Baptist Association, Springfield, Mo.; "Building Pastor/Staff Relationships," Jim Smithwick, Columbia (S.C.) Metropolitan Baptist Association;

"Ministering to Churches in Conflict," Richard Hubble, Saline Baptist Association, Harrisburg, Ill.; "Ministering to Churches in Transition," Nolan Johnston, New Orleans Baptist Association; "Involving Laity in Ministry," David Holden, Puget Sound Baptist Association, Federal Way, Wash.; and "Ministering to Ethnic," David F. D'Amico, Metropolitan New York Baptist Association.

The conference will include two addresses — "Setting the Course" and "Staying the Course" — by William M. Pinson Jr., executive director of the Baptist General Convention of Texas in Dallas. It also will feature two Bible studies by Robert Hamblin, vice president for evangelism at the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta. Hamblin is a former Mississippi Baptist pastor.

The meeting's final presentation will be "Missions in Action," by Mildred McWhorter, director of the Baptist Mission Center in Houston.

## Librarians begin SBC-wide group

**BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP)** — Librarians and archivists from across the Southern Baptist Convention have organized the Southern Baptist Library Association. Meetings of the organization, which began informally in 1979, will be held annually to share professional interests and pursue common goals relating to the collection, preservation and management of libraries and archives.

Officers are Irvin Murrell, Campbellsville College, president; Tony Coursey, SBC Home Mission Board, vice president/president elect; Myrta Garrett, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, secretary; Janet Freeman, Meredith College, treasurer; Jane Gressnick, Grand Canyon College, newsletter editor; Edward Scott, Furman University, membership chairperson; and Kathy Grenga, Belmont College, social chairperson.

Membership is open to staff members of Southern Baptist affiliated libraries or archives. The next meeting will be April 26-27, 1988, in Nashville.

## ACTS awards

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Board; Best Community Event Program, ACTS of Jackson, Miss.; Best Human Interest Program, ACTS of Jackson, Miss.; Best Missions/Evangelism, Worship Program, ACTS of Little Rock, Ark.; Best Program of the Year, ACTS of Hattiesburg, Miss.;

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It seems the harder we try to reach people, the more difficult it becomes. Have you thought about how long it takes in your Sunday School class or in your church to reach an individual through salvation for church membership? How long it takes to reach a new family in town for church membership or to become affiliated with your congregation's ministry?



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These concerns from our focal passage for this week, Hosea 11:1-9, let us know that God continues to work with Israel, but Israel continues to turn from him. Listen to Hosea 11:7, "My people are bent to backsliding from me: though they called them to the most High, none at all would exalt him." It is that people are so filled with anxiety, confusion, stress, strain, and peer pressure, that they do not hear God calling? Is it that lives are so full of degradation, sin, and

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rebellion that they walk apart from God or take that defective step apart from God and backslide? These are questions which we must deal with on today's level in order to understand God's concern for Israel in the book of Hosea.

We do want to know that God agonizes over sin and people in sin and seeks to reach people who have sinned against him. That kind of agonizing is done today by our Lord God for those who are rebellious, sinful against him, and surely adults need to understand that as they acknowledge God's love for them in spite of their sins, that they ought to be able to tell someone else about this love of God. His love agonized over them and now we share with others how God agonizes for them.

God described his love for Israel as he redeemed them from Egypt. The more God called Israel to himself, the more Israel turned from God. No matter what God does for people it seems that they are unafraid to stand

against him. They are not fearful of what God's wrath might do to them. They are unashamedly involved in sin to the extent that they are adverse to God. As was Israel, so are many today.

Israel's bondage to idolatry resulted in bondage to Assyria and surely as one is in bondage to sin, he is going to be found with allegiance and loyalty to the devil himself. The foreign lands, the foreign gods, the attraction of the grass which is greener on the other side seems to be the message we hear in Hosea 11:1-9. We see that persons are bent on doing their own thing as opposed to God's concern for them. Even as he continues to plead and the harder he works, the more one does on his own.

God was grieved at the thought of completely destroying Israel because of their unfaithfulness, but nonetheless God had to keep his word. God decided not to destroy Israel and his strategy resulted in Israel's returning to the Lord. Keep in mind that God is not fearful of bringing wrath. He only does so when man is adamant about his unresponsiveness to Almighty God.

Adults today who feel unloved by the Lord God can find assurance of his love in this lesson. If there is one in your class who feels he is unloved by the Lord God, just share with him that God loves all humankind. If there are those who feel guilty and separated from God, they can learn to receive God's forgiveness and be restored. Just turn back to God. Do not take that defective step away from God. Let God know that you need him. Adults who ignore God and hold him at arm's length can be led into a warm relationship with God. By studying this lesson one will understand that God holds himself to all.

There may be those who seek to know how to witness and help others. This lesson will give them an opportunity as well. If they find for themselves their strategy of witnessing, their methods of witnessing to and helping others to be restored will help others enter a warm relationship with Almighty God. Keep in mind that God's agony over unfaithful people is just as apparent today as it was in Hosea's day.

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## Stephen, faithful unto death, prays for accusers

By Nathan L. Barber  
Acts 6:8-15; 7:59, 60

The Christian movement was growing and expanding rapidly among the Jews. Christianity was so acceptable that multitudes of Jews



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were willing to be identified with the Jesus of the cross. The resurrection of Jesus had made the apparent disgrace of the crucifixion less troublesome than it had been perceived at first. "And the Word of God kept on spreading; and the number of disciples continued to increase greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were becoming obedient to the faith" (v.7).

The Christian Jews, no doubt, continued to frequent the synagogues in the same way that they had before they became believers. The synagogue activity was in addition to what was spontaneously taking place in the community of faith as recorded in 2:42-47. The issues which would eventually bring about the withdrawal of

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the Jewish Christians from the synagogue had not yet been clearly defined, i.e. (1) Jesus as Messiah, (2) the Law, (3) the Holy Place and Temple, and (4) the gospel's inclusion of uncircumcised Gentiles.

Stephen emerges from the pages of the Scripture at this time when much discussion was occurring. "... Some men from what was called the Synagogue of the Freedmen ... rose up and argued with Stephen. And yet they were unable to cope with the wisdom and the spirit with which he was speaking" (vv. 9, 10). This reality only confirmed the description of Stephen which is given in verses five and eight.

However, desiring to discredit both Stephen and his arguments, the men of the synagogue conspired against him and arranged for false witnesses to stir up the people, the elders, and the scribes (vv. 11, 12, 14). As a result Stephen was dragged away and taken before the Council or the Sanhedrin. Chapter seven is an account of his defense before this group.

Stephen's defense revolved around a concise overview of Hebrew history. Stephen's view of Jesus and his mission was put in the perspective of the entire history of Israel. He showed with great skill that Christianity did not disregard the past, nor should the Council in passing its judgement. In the midst of the opposition to Stephen's strong witness concerning Jesus, the Holy Spirit gave him a powerful message which cut their hearts to the quick (v. 54), "You men who are stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears are always resisting the Holy Spirit; you are doing just as your fathers did" (v. 51).

Stephen spoke boldly, unafraid of the consequences. His words and actions were not based on the spirit of his accusers of the Council but rather on the spirit of Jesus. Even in his death Stephen followed the example of Jesus and prayed for those who forced his death.

Paul, the young man called Saul in verse 58, would never be able to separate himself from what he heard and saw on the day he consented

to Stephen's death (8:1). The influence of Stephen on Paul's ministry and understanding of the gospel is quite evident. Paul saw the courage with which Stephen witnessed for Jesus in his life and in his death. Though Paul could not then conceive of such an event, he too would soon have an encounter with the one Stephen saw standing at the right hand of God (v. 56). On the road to Damascus Paul encountered the resurrected Jesus and he quickly became one of the persecuted rather than the persecutor.

Like Stephen and Paul of old, Christians in this day must become so committed to Jesus that they too will be willing to suffer as his witnesses. And unless the polluted tide of events in America can be turned back toward God rather quickly, religious persecution in this country is almost inevitable. The indications in that direction are such that the Church in America would do well to consider whether she is willing to die for what has been taken for granted for too long.

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## Praise to the Lord of Heaven

By Charles Wesley

Scripture: Psalms 103:1-18 and 115:1-3

"Praise him, Praise him, Jesus our blessed Redeemer.

Sing, O earth, his wonderful love proclaim!



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Hail him! Hail him! Highest archangel in glory. Strength and honor give to his holy name!"

In many churches every Sunday these words, written in 1869 by Fanny J. Crosby, will be sung. But some will sing these words of praise without ever thinking of their significance or their responsibility to give praise to God. Too often our periods of worship are filled with nothing more than a repetition of dry rituals. However, new life can be injected into our worship when we offer praise to God. Instead of our worship services being spectator events, our worship services should involve the participation of everyone in the congregation lifting his or her voice in praise of an exalted God.

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I. We should praise God because of who he is (Psalms 115:1-3)

The Psalmist declares that God alone is worthy of our praise. Glory is to be given to God's name. In the Hebrew culture, a name represented the character of a person. Therefore, to give glory to God's name is to recognize that God's character is above all others. There is none like him. Two qualities of God's character are cited in Psalm 115:1: mercy and truth. The mercy of God is the persevering love he bestows on us even though we do not deserve his love. In this verse, truth speaks of the faithfulness and integrity of God. Because of God's steadfast love and faithfulness, he is above all else and is due the praise given by man.

In addition, the Psalmist declares that God is alive and lives in the heavens (Psalms 115:2-3). God is the antithesis of the lifeless images worshipped by the pagans. Even though we may not be capable of seeing God as one looks upon an

idol carved from wood, we can be certain as Christians that we worship a living God. Furthermore, the psalmist emphasizes the sovereignty of God by stating that God acts in the ways that please him. But we can be sure that the actions of God are always right and holy. Thus, the actions of God benefit his children. II. We should praise God because of what he has done (Psalms 103:1-18).

We are reminded that we should praise God with all our being and praise God with thanksgiving (Psalms 103:1-2). There is no sin like that of ingratitude. Ingratitude robs our lives of joy and establishes an insatiable greed. We should not forget the many ways God benefits our lives.

The greatest benefit God has given us is salvation. A description of salvation offered by God is presented in Psalm 103:3-18. Salvation is described in terms of forgiveness, redemption, and mercy. God has not dealt with us in the way we deserve. Rather, God has forgiven our sins and removed them from us "... as far as the East is from the West" (Psalms 103:12). Furthermore, God has redeemed our lives from destruction and treated us with love and mer-

cy. Then God fills his child's life with satisfaction.

If you have not received the salvation that God offers to everyone, this salvation can be received as one receives a gift. "For by grace you have been saved through faith: and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that anyone should boast." (Eph. 2:8-9, NASB)

We receive God's gift of salvation by trusting and committing our lives to Jesus Christ. "But as many as receive him, to them he gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in his name." (John 1:12, NASB) When you trust your life to Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, you will receive the benefits that God bestows on his children.

This coming Sunday when you are singing the hymns of praise, remember whom you are singing the hymns to. Also, be mindful of all the ways you are a beneficiary of God's gifts. Then, worship will become an experience of joy and not a meaningless ritual we endure Sunday after Sunday.

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Seated (left to right) on one of thirty sofas purchased by First Baptist Church, Booneville as a gift for ten cottages on The India Nunnery Campus of The Baptist Children's Village is Dr. Bill Duncan, pastor of the Booneville church, Rev. Karl K. McGraw, Director of Properties and Mr. Henry M. Glaze, Executive Assistant, Programs at The Village. The past calendar year First Baptist, Booneville ranked number 23 in total giving to The Village in contributing \$4,477.70. In addition to the unrestricted cash gifts and sofas the Booneville church purchased television sets, microwave ovens, a video recorder, installed drapes, did work projects on at least two Village facilities, hosted children during the holidays and made plans for future involvement. The church did all this at the same time they continued to increase in Cooperative Program and Designated Mission giving. The Village is grateful to Dr. Duncan and his membership for caring. Obviously they believed Paul N. Nunnery, Executive Director, when he said "Children are missions too!"

Should you and your church want to get involved in this manner, please contact The Village.



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## Barriers up

# Statistics reflect work of women in leadership

By Karen Benson

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP) — If women are to make their mark in the Southern Baptist Convention, they need to follow the footsteps of the "southern lady," according to Carolyn Weatherford, national executive director of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union.

The book "The Southern Woman, from Pedestal to Politics" by Anne Firor Scott traces the development of the southern lady who "had to step down from her pedestal to enter the real world," Weatherford said. "While this is uncomfortable, it is very necessary. We cannot be waited on hand and foot while we are waiting on others."

Weatherford spoke April 21 during the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission and the Southern Baptist Historical Society, held at the national WMU headquarters in Birmingham, Ala. Focus of the meeting was on "Women in Southern Baptist History."

WMU has been the major shaper of leaders among Southern Baptist women, a fact Weatherford claimed is "without contest."

"Woman's Missionary Union and women in Southern Baptist life are synonymous. If women had leadership roles outside Woman's Missionary Union, history is silent," she said.

**Histories of SBC life are "markedly male."**

What women have accomplished within the churches and at every level of Southern Baptist life has been structured "within the prevailing attitude toward women at that time and in that place," she said.

Histories of Southern Baptist churches and of state or national Southern Baptist conventions are "markedly male histories," she said. Even Southwestern Seminary professor Leon McBeth's recent history of Baptists, "The Baptist Heritage," mentions women on only 8 percent of the text's pages, she said.

McBeth, professor of history at the Fort Worth, Texas, school, also spoke at the SBC Historical Commission annual meeting.

To see what "our foremothers did," Weatherford said, "we Southern Baptist women today must look primarily to WMU literature."

While Southern Baptist women do have leadership functions and positions beyond WMU, those positions are few, Weatherford said.

Consider these statistics, she said:

— Only seven members of the 70-member SBC Executive Committee are women. One of those is Mar-

jorie J. McCullough, who, by virtue of her position as national WMU president, is an ex-officio member.

— The 85 trustees of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board include only 13 women. At the SBC annual meeting in Atlanta, five women who rotated off the board were replaced by five men.

— Of the 49 members of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board, none are women.

— Two Southern Baptist seminaries — Southwestern and New Orleans — have no female trustees. At the others, Southeastern has one, Midwestern and Southern have two, and Golden Gate has four.

— The Southern Baptist Stewardship Commission, the Southern Baptist Foundation and the American Baptist Theological Seminary have one female trustee each.

— The Southern Baptist Education Commission has two female trustees; the Christian Life Commission, three; and the Historical Commission, seven.

— The Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission has no female board members.

The powerful Committee on Boards has two female members of the 54, Weatherford said, and the SBC Peace Committee has only two women among its 22 members.

The pattern is repeated at the state convention level and at the associational level, she said. It gets even worse at the local-church level, where women feel they are bypassed "because they are women," she added.

A survey of these few women who do serve in Southern Baptist leadership positions showed an overwhelming majority, 138 of 200 respondents, listed WMU as having the "major impact on their leadership development," Weatherford said.

Many cited the doctrine of the priesthood of the believer as the most important contribution that the SBC as a denomination has made in their lives, she said. "Right along with that

is the mission emphasis, with cooperative missions and the Cooperative Program unified budget."

Almost every respondent said the convention had been a "channel for expressing her commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and to his work," Weatherford said.

WMU, in turn, is the "largest single channel through which women are employed in the denomination and in which they lead in the churches and associations as volunteers," she said.

"The best descriptive words for the shape of today's Southern Baptist women leaders are missionary, supporter, associate, volunteer, underpaid, strong commitment," Weatherford said.

Many Southern Baptist women feel "personally wounded by resolutions, bypassed for promotions and underemployed," but movements in behalf of women have failed to "galvanize the women of the convention," she said.

While Southern Baptist women have been receiving ordination for almost 30 years, there are few who are pastors. As the number of women receiving theological degrees constantly grows, there is not a parallel surge in efforts to lower barriers.

But efforts to lower barriers must be balanced with caution, she warned: "Theologically trained, we must not lose the simplicity of faith of our foremothers. Finally granted a voice and a vote, we must not forget the humble service of the silent past."

"It would be tragic if by hindsight we realized that in choosing to be assertive, we forgot how to be meek, or teachable; in choosing to be aggressive, we forgot how to be peacemakers; in choosing to be managerial, we forgot mutuality; in choosing to be equal, we lost the only models of submission; in learning to be competent, we lost the ability to be shaped; or that in learning to be independent, we lost the capacity for intimacy."

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## Elderly housing considered

LAKE ARROWHEAD, Calif. (BP) — A projected housing shortage for the elderly has prompted Southern Baptist leaders to sponsor a "think tank" session to develop strategies to help Baptist churches minister to the needs of the homeless elderly.

"There will be a critical shortage of housing for the elderly within the next decade if population projections of the number of elderly people in America are accurate," said B. J. Dier.

Dier, a national missionary of the

Southern Baptist Home Mission Board assigned to senior adult ministries, said many profit-making companies are starting housing projects for the elderly. Southern Baptist churches ought to move aggressively into this area for love, not for profit, Dier said.

Dier said he hopes to organize a team of volunteer retired consultants to help churches or groups of churches begin housing ministries for the aged.



## Two-year house call

Volunteer Rosie Fenton, a nurse from Cocoa Beach, Fla., patches up an Ethiopian child at the Baptist clinic in Shil Afaf, about 100 miles north of Addis Ababa. Fenton, 59, is one of many senior adults who continue to serve in Baptist ministries around the globe. She was head nurse of a pediatric unit at Wuesthoff Memorial Hospital, Rockledge, Fla., before beginning a two-year stint in Ethiopia. (FMB) PHOTO By Warren Johnson.

## Retirees are building churches saving up to halt the costs

Orville Scott

ATHENS, Texas (BP) — The advent of spring with new life bursting out across the Texas landscape is accompanied by the staccato of hammers and the whirr of saws in the hands of youthful retirees at new church sites.

Constructing churches at a record pace in 1987, Texas Baptist men retirees already have completed buildings for nine churches.

Since beginning their church building ministry in 1978, the volunteer church builders have erected about 100 church buildings and related facilities.

More than a half-dozen other projects are lined up and ready to go, said Olen Miles, the retirees' coordinator who will celebrate his 81st birthday in July, in all likelihood on a new church site.

A memorable highlight for Miles and several other retirees will come this year when they return to Knobbs Springs Baptist Church near Elgin in the hills of Central Texas, where they began their church building ministry nearly 10 years ago.

The rural Knobbs Springs Church, which had about 14 members when the retirees built new facilities there, has grown so much that the retirees have been asked to return to enlarge the auditorium and construct an educational building.

The retiree builders, whose

numbers have grown steadily to include 176 retired couples, live at construction sites in travel trailers and normally complete a church building in two or three weeks, saving the church up to half the average construction cost.

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